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FACE TO FACE WITH  
**CARNAGE**--  
AND **VENOM** GETS  
THE **WINNER!**



MAXIMUM  
CARNAGE  
ENDS HERE!

BARELY AN HOUR AGO, MANHATTAN WAS CRAWLING WITH POLICE INVESTIGATORS AND SUPER HEROES IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BLOODIEST SIEGE IN THE CITY'S HISTORY, HAVING ALREADY CARTED AWAY HIS EXTENDED "FAMILY." THEY BELIEVED THAT CARNAGE WAS DEAD. THEY WERE WRONG! STAN LEE PRESENTS!

# THE HATRED, THE HORROR AND THE HERO!

CHAPTER  
FOURTEEN,  
PART I

EEYII!

HIS SHATTERED RIBS  
FLARING IN A SEARING  
KALEIDOSCOPE OF  
PAIN, SPIDER-MAN  
INSTINCTIVELY LEAPS--

-- EVEN BEFORE HIS EXHAUSTED  
MIND CAN GRASP THE STARTLING  
REALIZATION THAT HE'S CAUGHT  
BETWEEN TWO SNARLING  
MONSTERS!

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MERE MOMENTS AGO... THOUGH STILL IN A WEAKENED STATE, VENOM HAD BEEN FURIOUS AT HAVING MISSED THE FINAL SHOWDOWN--

--BUT, THAT WAS BEFORE CARNAGE ROSE FROM THE MUCK OF CENTRAL PARK LAKE!

WE SHALL HAVE VENGEANCE!

CARNAGE FOOLED US ALL!

HE MUST HAVE FAKED HIS OWN DEATH, BY COVERING ONE OF HIS VICTIMS IN A MOCK-SYMBIOTE SUIT!

YOU TORTURED AND BRUTALIZED US, AND WE TRULY FEARED THAT WE HAD BEEN CHEATED OF OUR CHANCE TO RETURN THE FAVOR!

**SMACK!**

YOU THINK YOU'VE SUFFERED?

MY MIND IS ON FIRE!

KAGADY'S STILL HURTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF THAT ALPHA MAGNI-ILLUMINIZER WE MANAGED TO COBBLE TOGETHER!

IT'S DRIVING HIM OVER THE EDGE!

YOU... AND YOUR MISERABLE FRIENDS DID THIS TO ME, MAKING ME FEEL THINGS THAT WERE BURIED LONG AGO... BENEATH TOO MUCH PAIN!

TOO MUCH ABUSE!

POOR BABY!





WE FULLY  
INTEND TO END  
YOUR TORMENT.  
**PERMANENTLY!**



WE WILL RIP  
YOU OUT OF THIS  
CHEAP IMITATION  
OF OUR SYMBIOTIC  
OTHER--

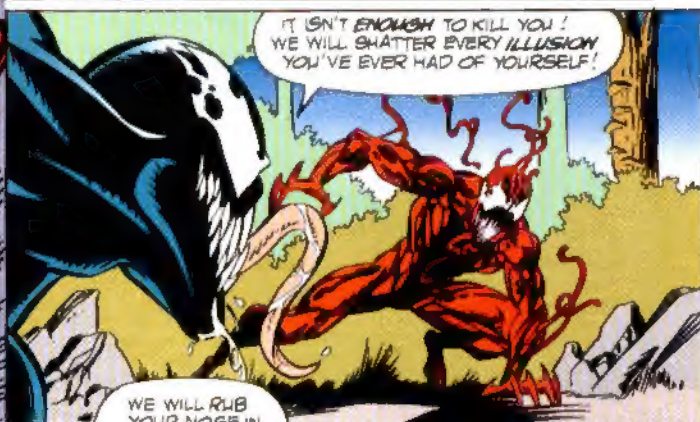


**ARR GGH!**

--AND THEN,  
WE WILL STRIP  
OFF YOUR SKIN,  
LAYER BY  
LAYER--



--UNTIL WE  
FIND THE  
TWISTED  
TWIG WHICH  
MASQUERADES  
AS YOUR  
BACKBONE!



IT ISN'T ENOUGH TO KILL YOU!  
WE WILL SHATTER EVERY ILLUSION  
YOU'VE EVER HAD OF YOURSELF!



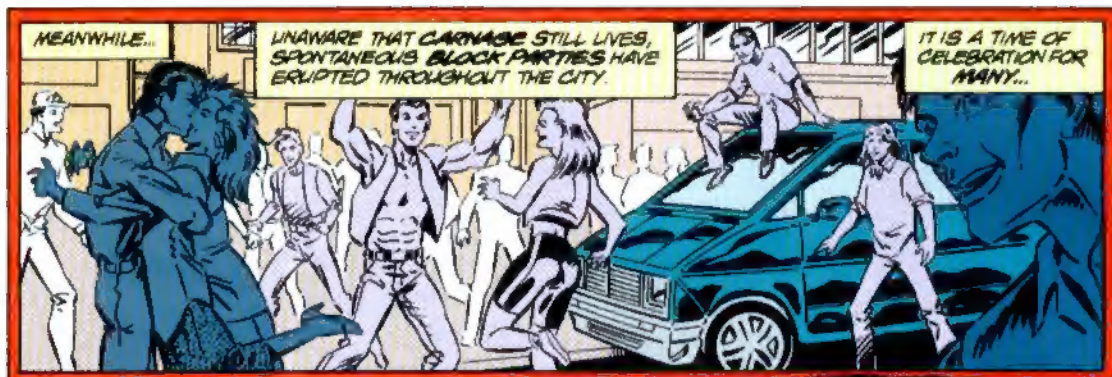
WE WILL RUB  
YOUR NOSE IN  
THE BILE OF  
TOTAL HUMILIA-  
TION!

**NO! I... I  
CANNOT... I  
MUST NOT  
DIE!**

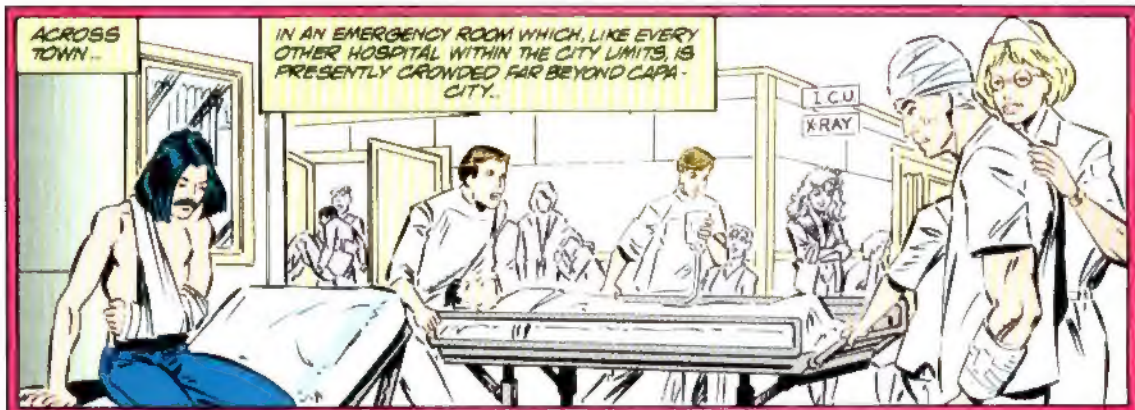












... MARY JANE WATSON-PARKER CANNOT IGNORE THE GRIM REMINDERS OF CARNAGE'S BLOODY HANDWORK!



SO MANY INJURED... SO MANY WHO WON'T SURVIVE THE NIGHT!



THAT WOMAN... SHE'S PREGNANT!

CAN I HELP YOU, MA'AM?

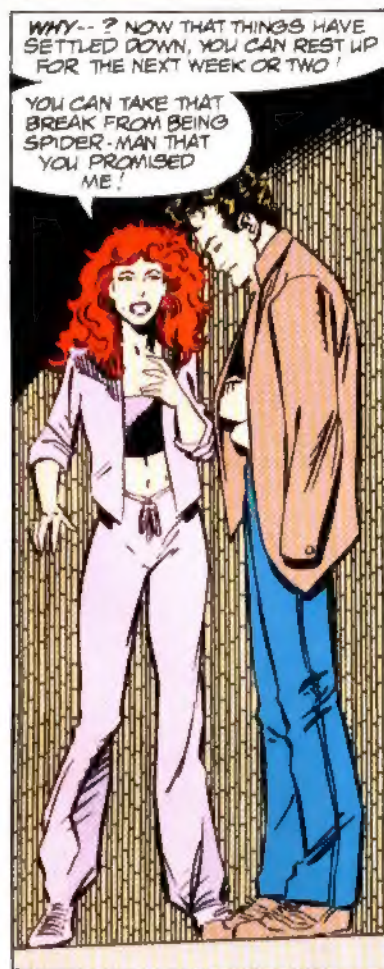


MRS BEEKMAN--?

THEY'RE WHEELING YOUR HUSBAND OUT OF SURGERY NOW!

HIS PROGNOSIS IS EXCELLENT!



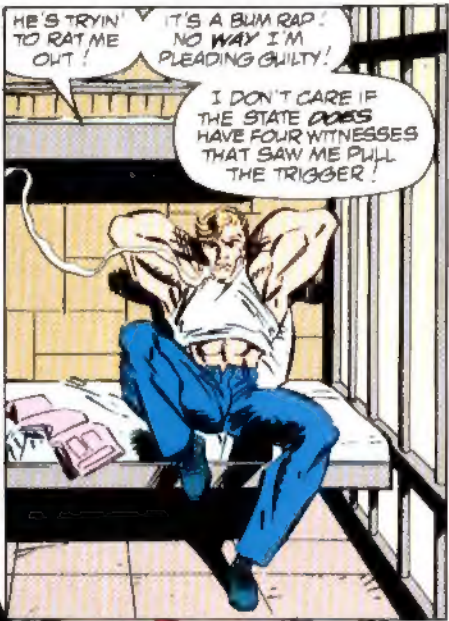






JUST THEN, IN  
THE RYKER'S  
ISLAND PRISON  
COMPLEX...

THAT  
STINKIN'  
NO GOOD  
LAWYER...



HE'S TRYIN'  
TO RAT ME  
OUT!

IT'S A BUM RAP!  
NO WAY I'M  
PLEADING GUILTY!

I DON'T CARE IF  
THE STATE DOES  
HAVE FOUR WITNESSES  
THAT SAW ME PULL  
THE TRIGGER!



IT'S HIS  
JOB TO--  
HEY!

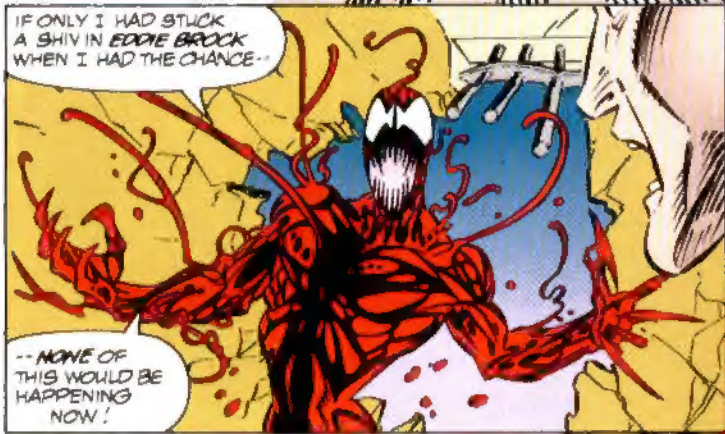
SOUNDS LIKE  
SOMETHIN'S  
CLIMBIN' RIGHT  
OUTSIDE MY--



--WINDOW?!

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?

THIS IS MY CELL!  
RIGHT HERE IS WHERE  
IT ALL BEGAN!



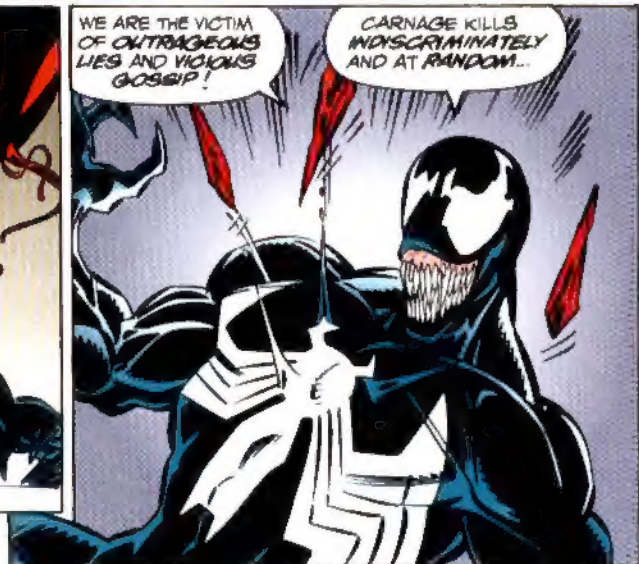
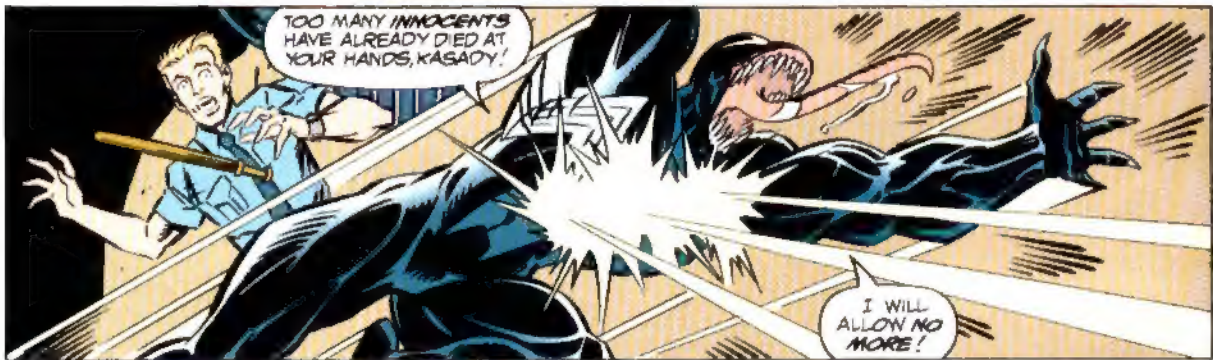
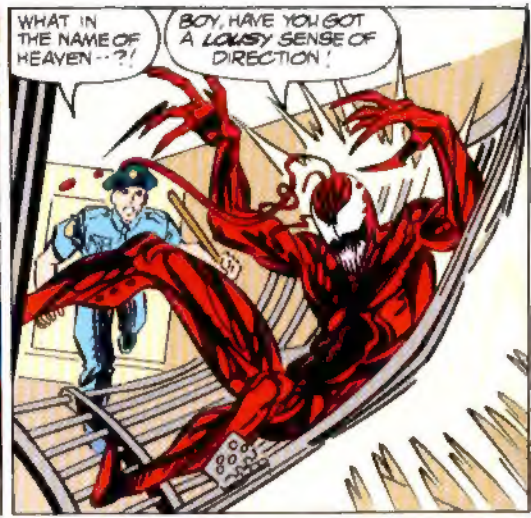
IF ONLY I HAD STUCK  
A SHIV IN EDDIE BROCK  
WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE--

--NONE OF  
THIS WOULD BE  
HAPPENING  
NOW!

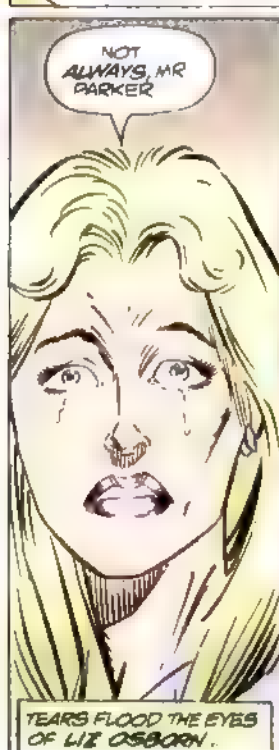
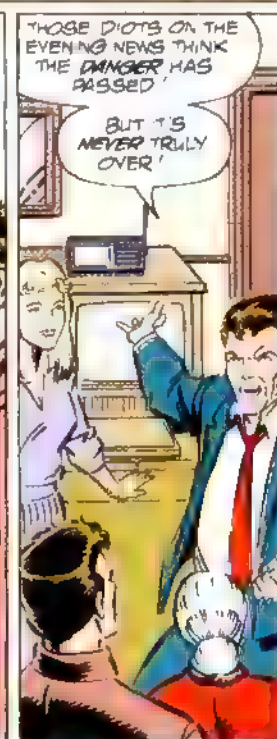
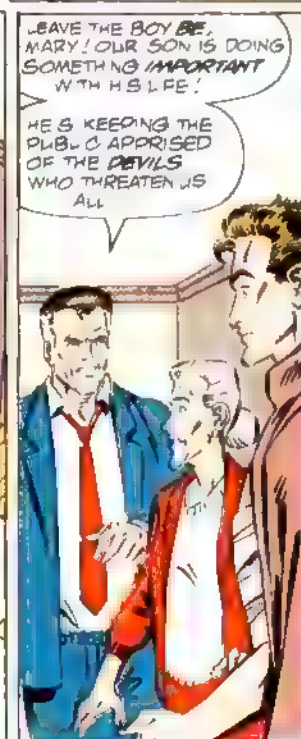


BUT...  
YOU DIDN'T!

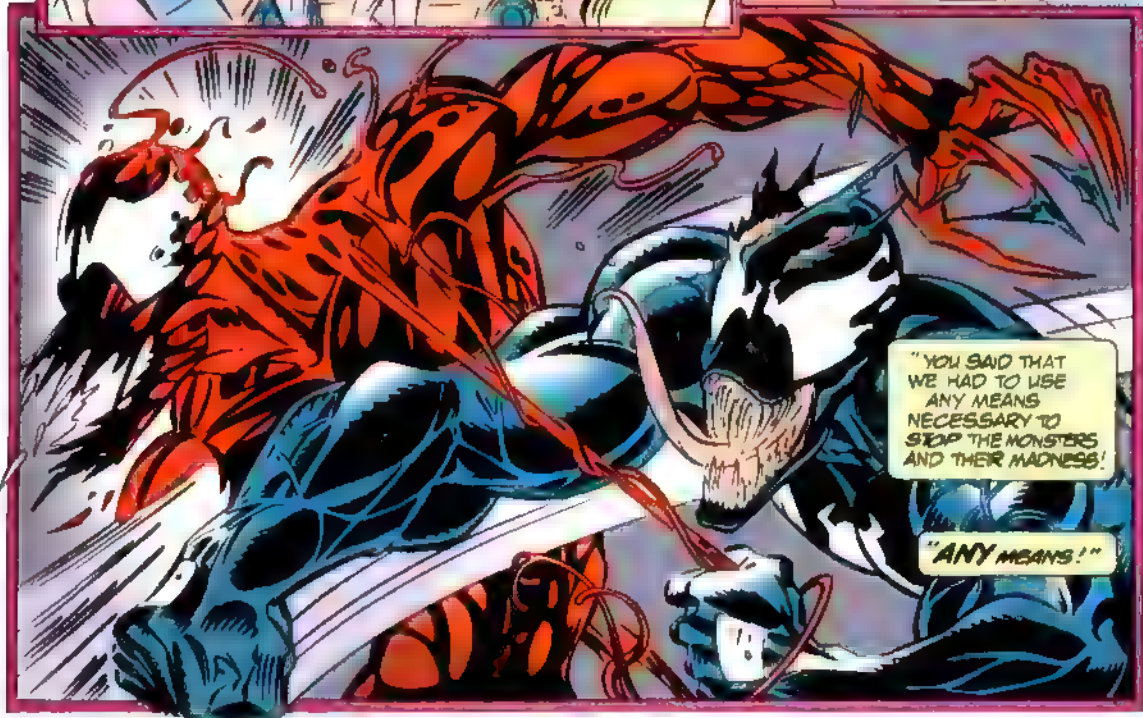
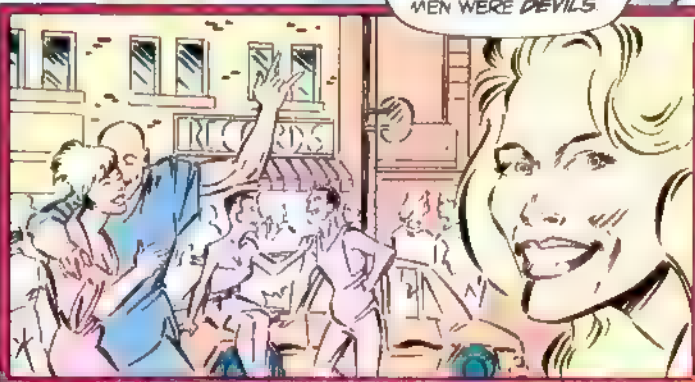
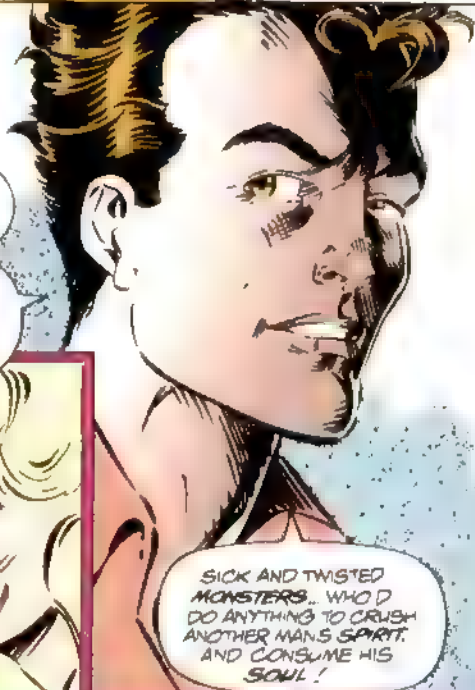
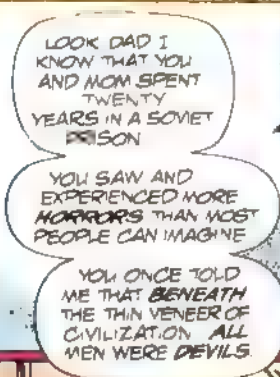
















I DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S TRUE! IN YOUR HEART, NEITHER DO YOU!

SOMEHOW, YOU AND MOM MANAGED TO FIND THE STRENGTH... THE WILL... TO SURVIVE!

YOU COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT HOPE!



"YOU'RE NOT ALONE, DAD! YOU NEVER WERE!"

"THIS WORLD IS FULL OF MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE THE COURAGE TO LISTEN TO THEIR HEARTS... AND WHO BELIEVE IN DOING WHAT'S RIGHT!"

"I'M NOT JUST TALKING HEROS, DAD"

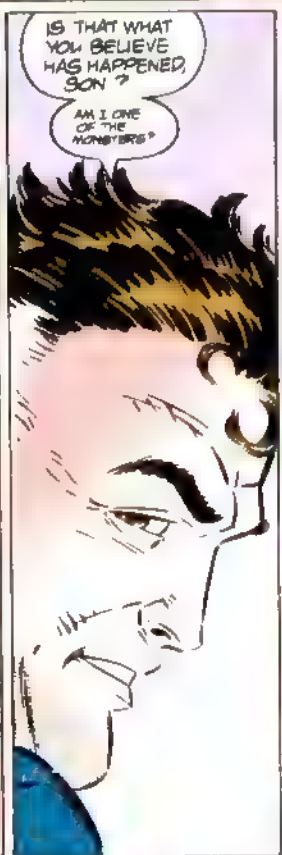
"I MEAN EVERYDAY PEOPLE... LIKE YOU... AND ME!"



THE DEVILS CAN NEVER WIN AS LONG AS WE HAVE HOPE!

THAT'S WHY YOU CAN'T GIVE UP! YOU MUSTN'T SURRENDER TO DESPAIR--

- OR YOU'LL RUN THE RISK OF BECOMING A MONSTER YOURSELF!



IS THAT WHAT YOU BELIEVE HAS HAPPENED, SON?

AM I ONE OF THE MONSTERS?



NO 'OF COURSE NOT'

YOU'RE JUST FRIGHTENED, LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!

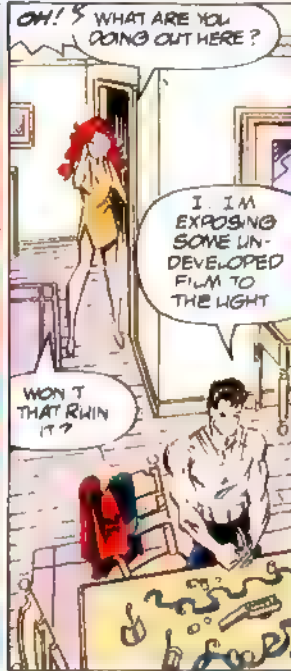
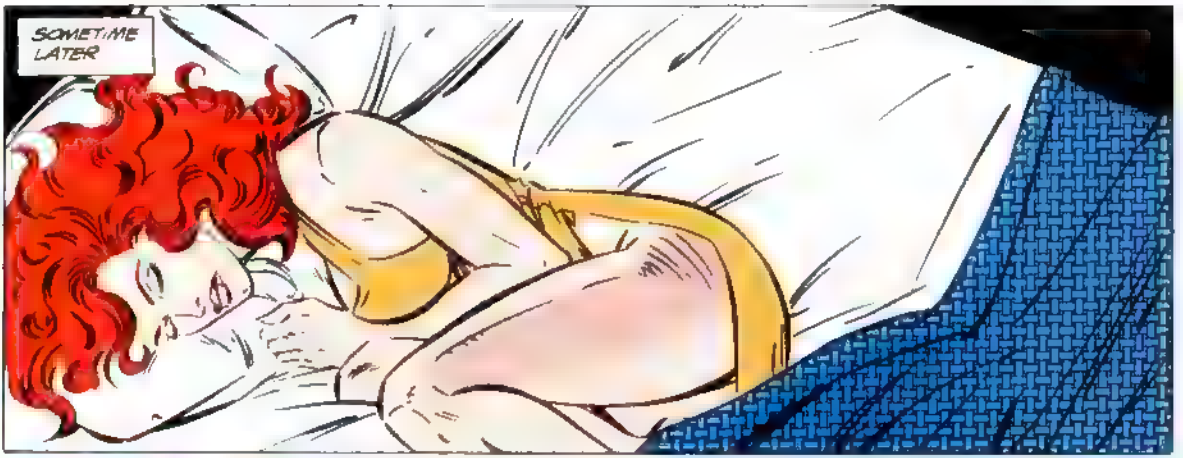
I REALIZE HOW HARD THIS MUST HAVE BEEN FOR YOU!

YEAH WELL WE HAVE TO BE HONEST WITH EACH OTHER

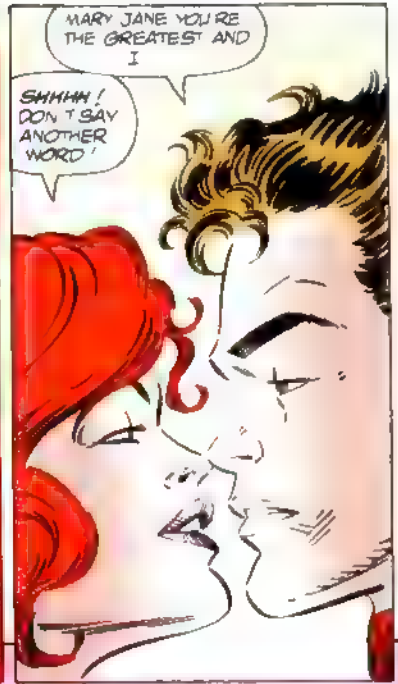


YES WE DO











AND SO, A  
KISS LATER

A full-page comic book illustration of Spider-Man swinging through a city at night. He is in a dynamic, upside-down pose, holding a severed head of Carnage in his right hand. Carnage's face is visible on the head, showing a menacing expression. Spider-Man's red and blue suit is detailed with web patterns. The background features a city skyline with various skyscrapers under a dark, cloudy night sky with a full moon. The art style is classic comic book illustration with bold lines and a rich color palette.

CARNAGE HAS  
HELD THIS CITY IN  
A GRIP OF TERROR  
FOR FAR TOO LONG  
I'M DETERMINED TO  
BRING HIM DOWN!

BUT I'M  
GOING TO DO IT  
MY WAY!

HE WON'T  
ESCAPE ME  
AGAIN. I SWEAR  
THAT THE ONLY  
WAY HE CAN STOP  
ME NOW IS BY  
KILLING ME!

BAGLEY-DELA ROSA



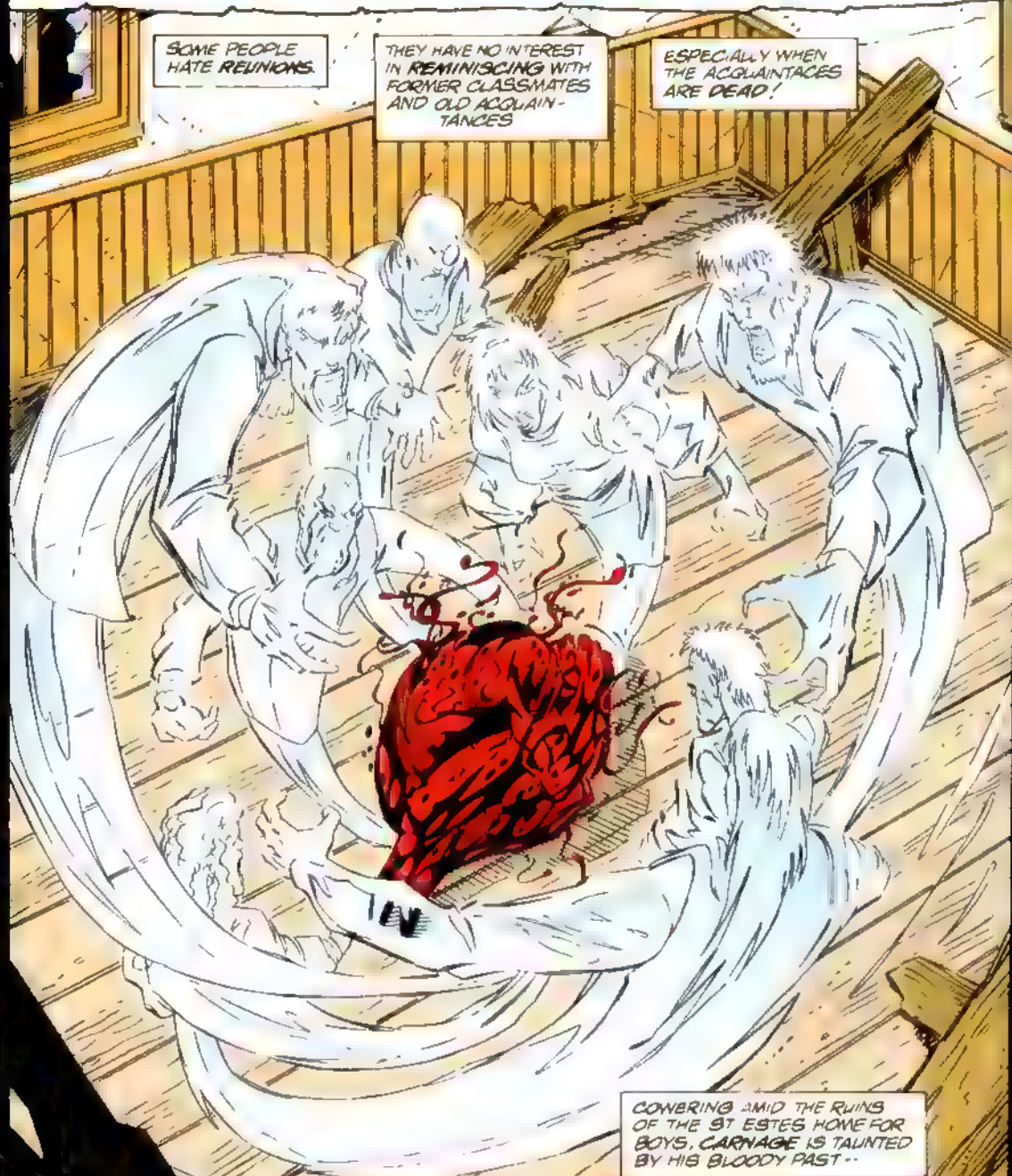
# THE HATRED THE HORROR AND THE HERO!

CHAPTER 14, PART 2

SOME PEOPLE  
HATE REUNIONS.

THEY HAVE NO INTEREST  
IN REMINISCING WITH  
FORMER CLASSMATES  
AND OLD ACQUAIN-  
TANCES

ESPECIALLY WHEN  
THE ACQUAINTANCES  
ARE DEAD!

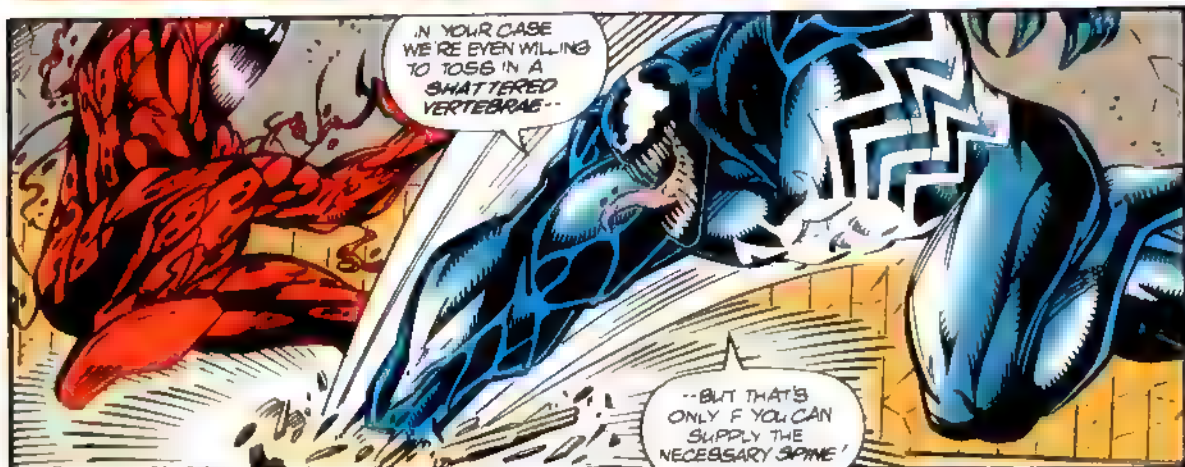
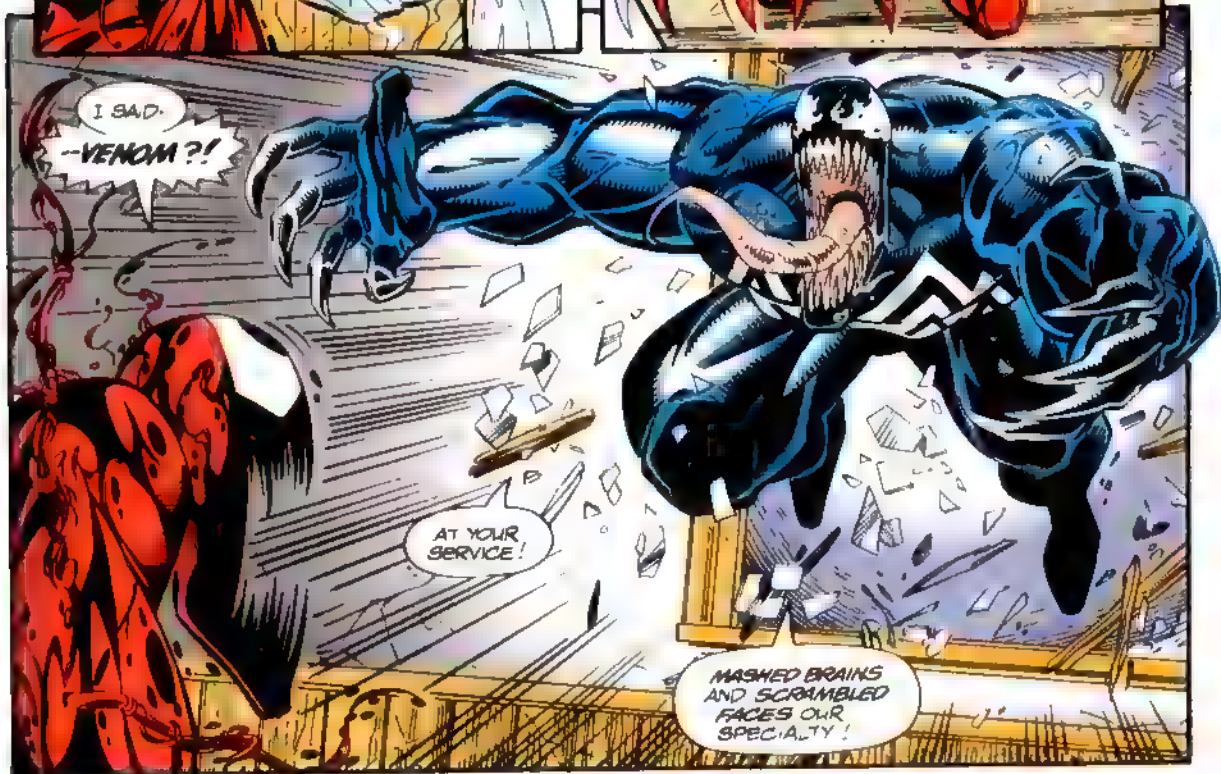
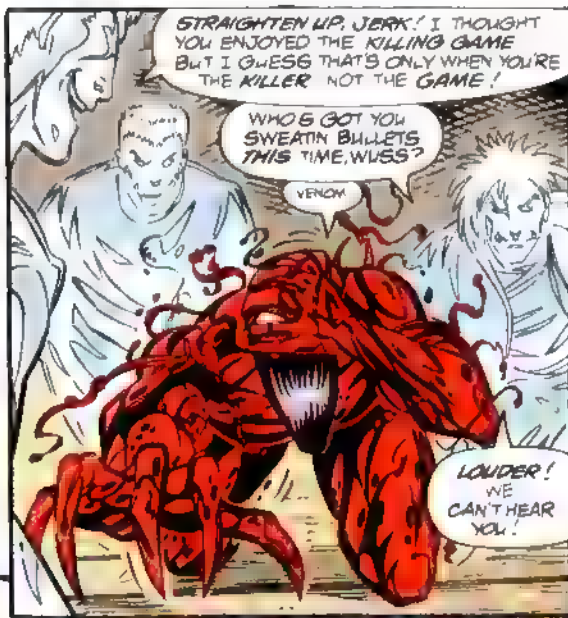


CONFRONTED AMID THE RUINS  
OF THE ST ESTES HOME FOR  
BOYS, CARNAGE IS TAUNTED  
BY HIS BLOODY PAST--

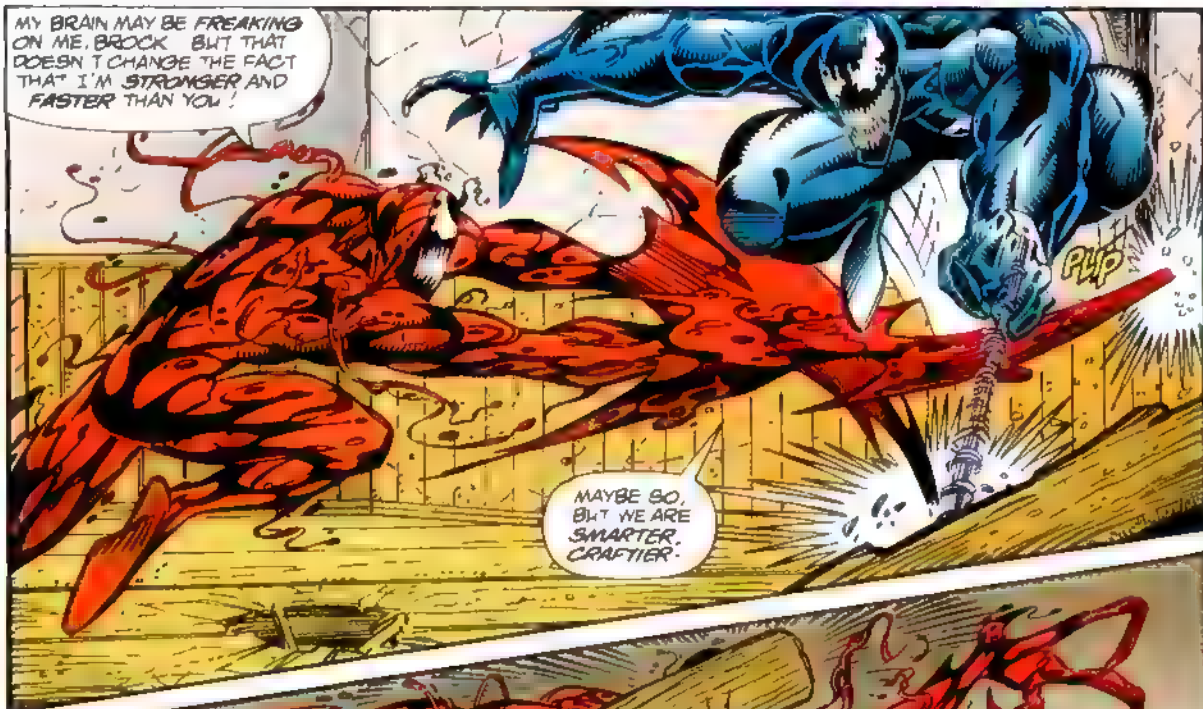
-- AS HIS STRICKEN  
MIND CONJURES  
GHOSTLY IMAGES OF  
FORMER VICTIMS

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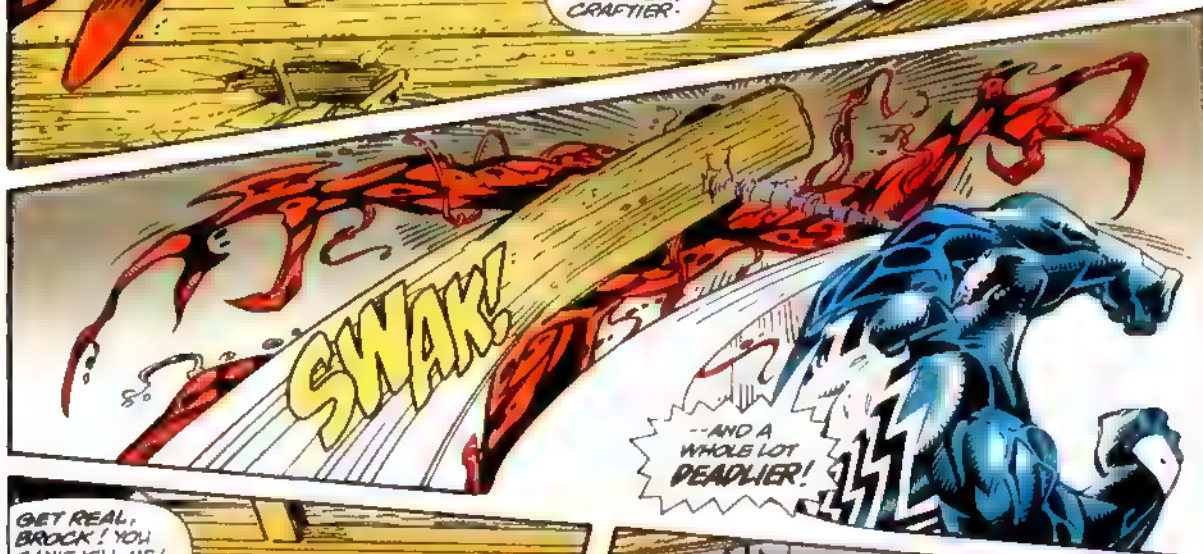






MY BRAIN MAY BE FREAKING  
ON ME, BROCK BUT THAT  
DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT  
THAT I'M STRONGER AND  
FASTER THAN YOU!

MAYBE SO,  
BUT WE ARE  
SMARTER,  
CRAFTIER.



SWAK!

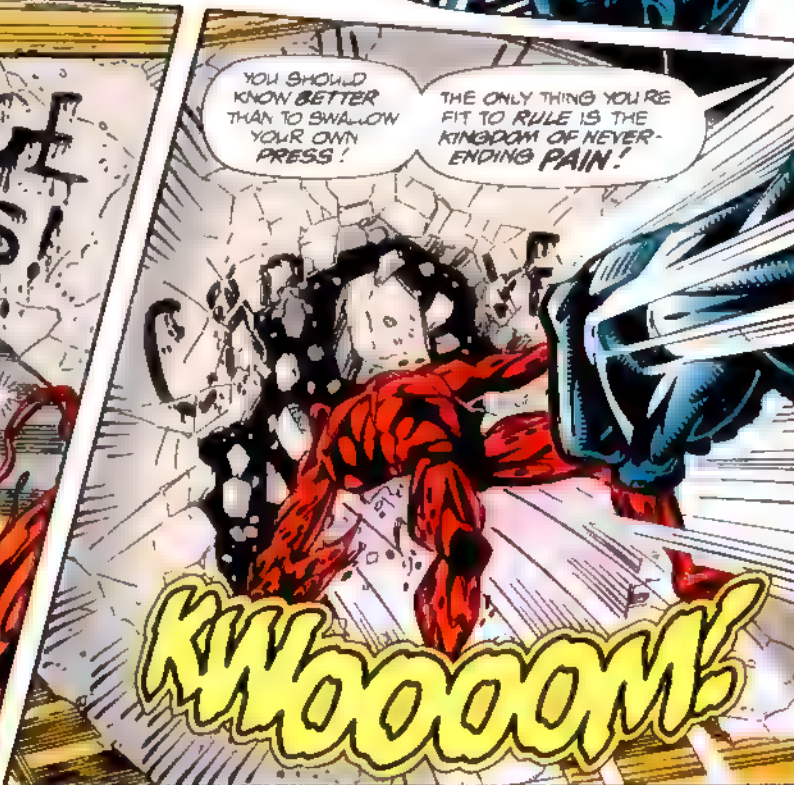
--AND A  
WHOLE LOT  
DEADLIER!



GET REAL,  
BROCK! YOU  
CAN'T KILL ME!  
NO ONE CAN!

CARNAGE  
RULES!

I AM THE  
TRUE MASTER  
OF DEATH!



YOU SHOULD  
KNOW BETTER  
THAN TO SWALLOW  
YOUR OWN  
PAIN!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE  
FIT TO RULE IS THE  
KINGDOM OF NEVER-  
ENDING PAIN!

KWOOM!

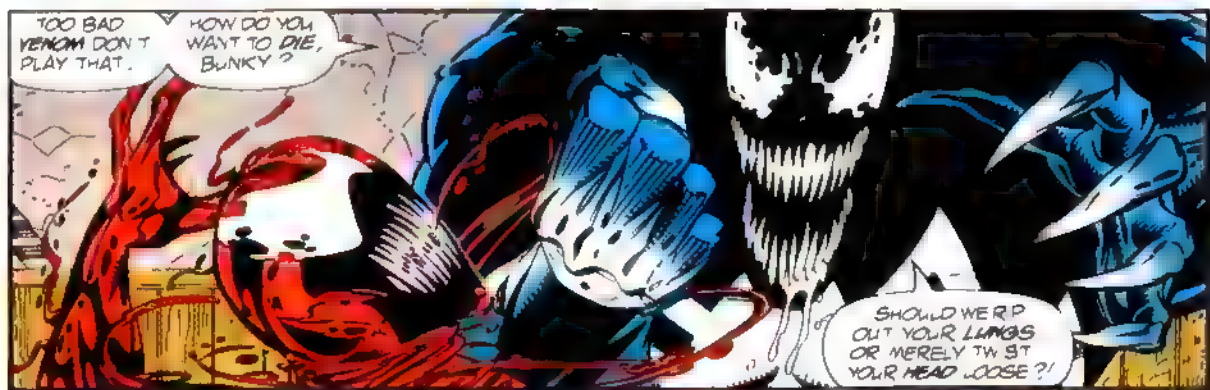




WGNH

POOR LITTLE  
CLETUS

EVEN WE WOULD  
FEEL VERY SORRY  
FOR YOU



TOO BAD  
VENOM DON'T  
PLAY THAT.

HOW DO YOU  
WANT TO DIE,  
BUNKY?

SHOULD WE P  
OUT YOUR LUNGS  
OR MERELY TW ST  
YOUR HEAD LOOSE?!



HOW'S ABOUT  
WE LEAVE THAT  
FOR THE AUTHORITIES  
TO DECIDE?

YAARGH!



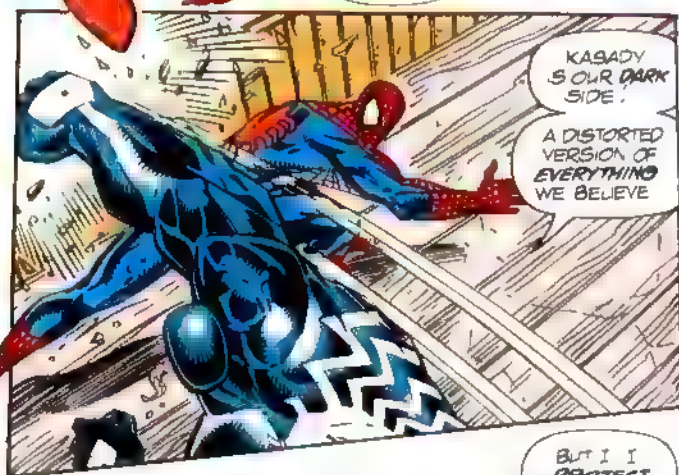
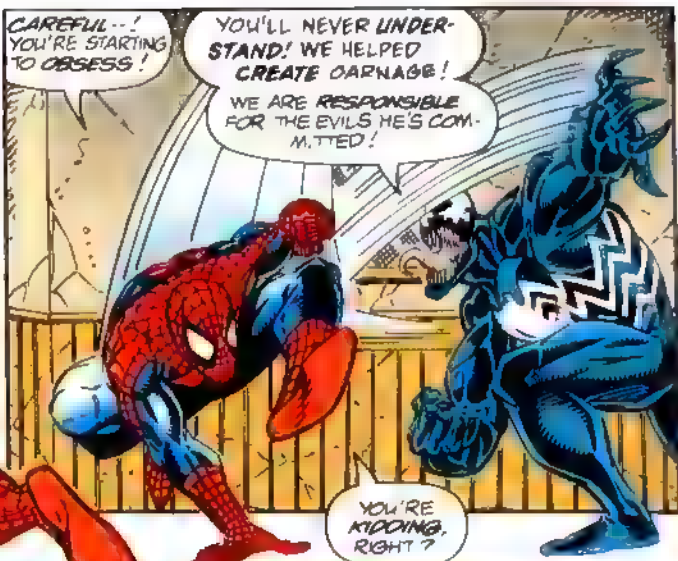
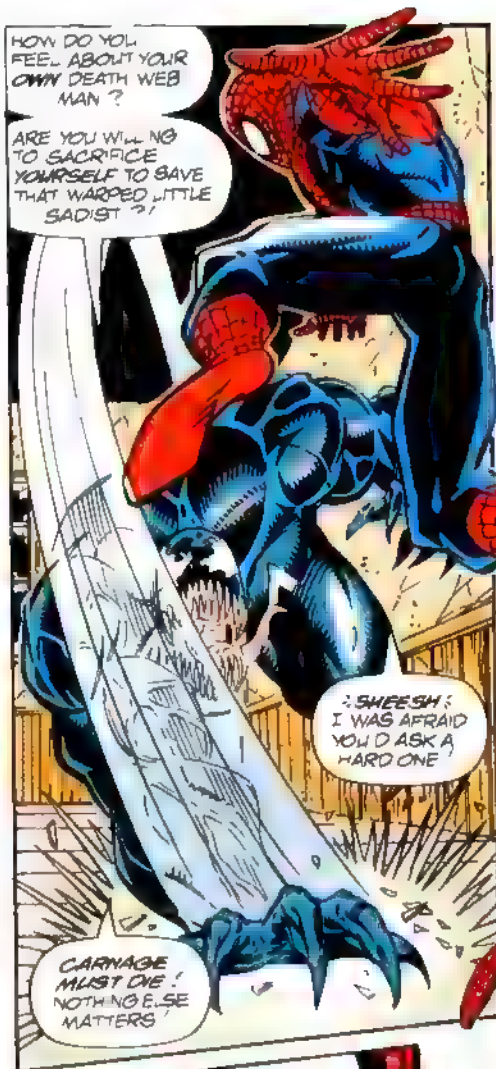
DON'T  
INTERFERE,  
SPIDER-MAN!

KASADY ONLY  
FEELS ALIVE WHEN  
HE'S TAKING  
LIVES!

WE ARE ONLY DOING  
WHAT'S NECESSARY!  
NO INNOCENT WILL  
EVER BE SAFE WHILE  
HE BREATHES!

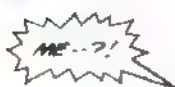
MAYBE NOT BUT I  
CAN'T CONDONE MURDER.  
NOT EVEN OF A LUNATIC  
LIKE CARNAGE!





I DO UNDER-  
STAND!! I KNOW  
EXACTLY HOW YOU  
FEEL!

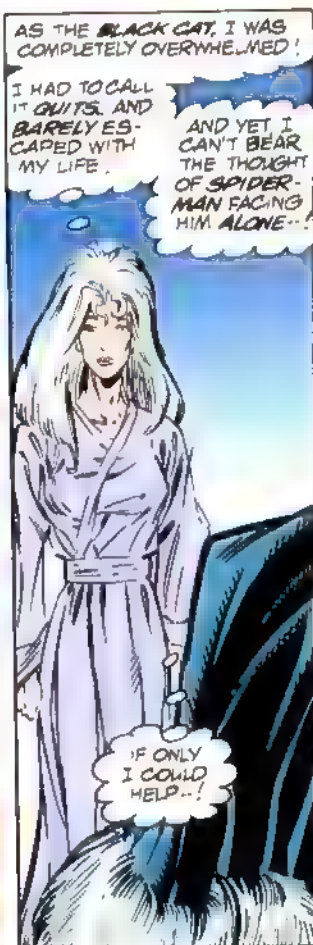
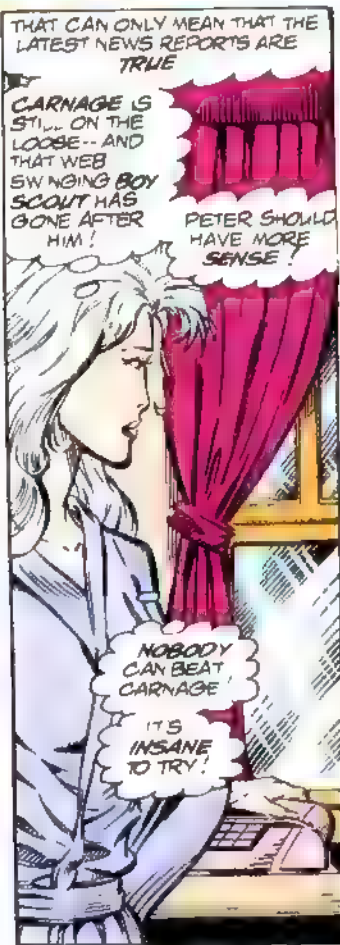
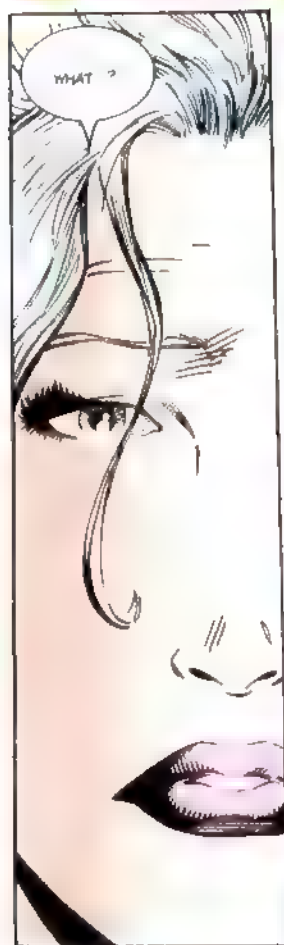
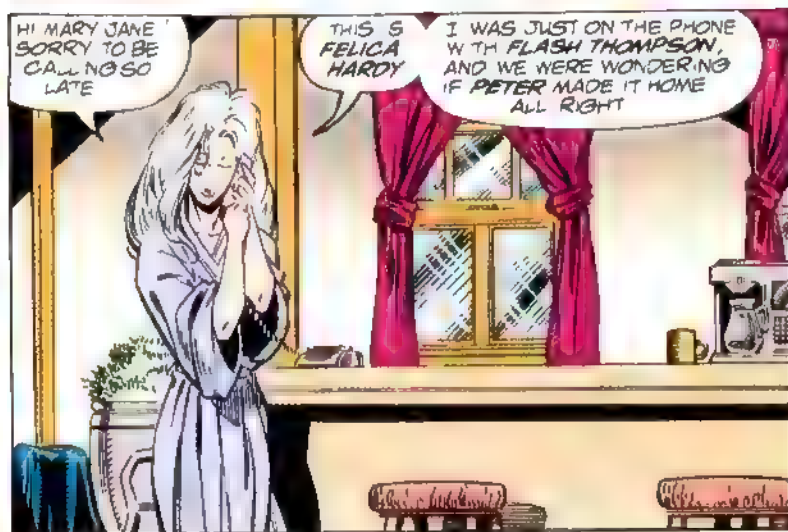
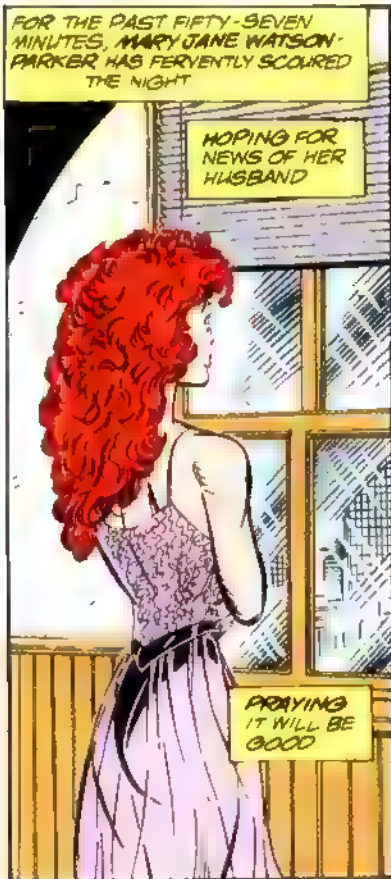
IT'S KIND  
OF THE WAY I  
SEE YOU!



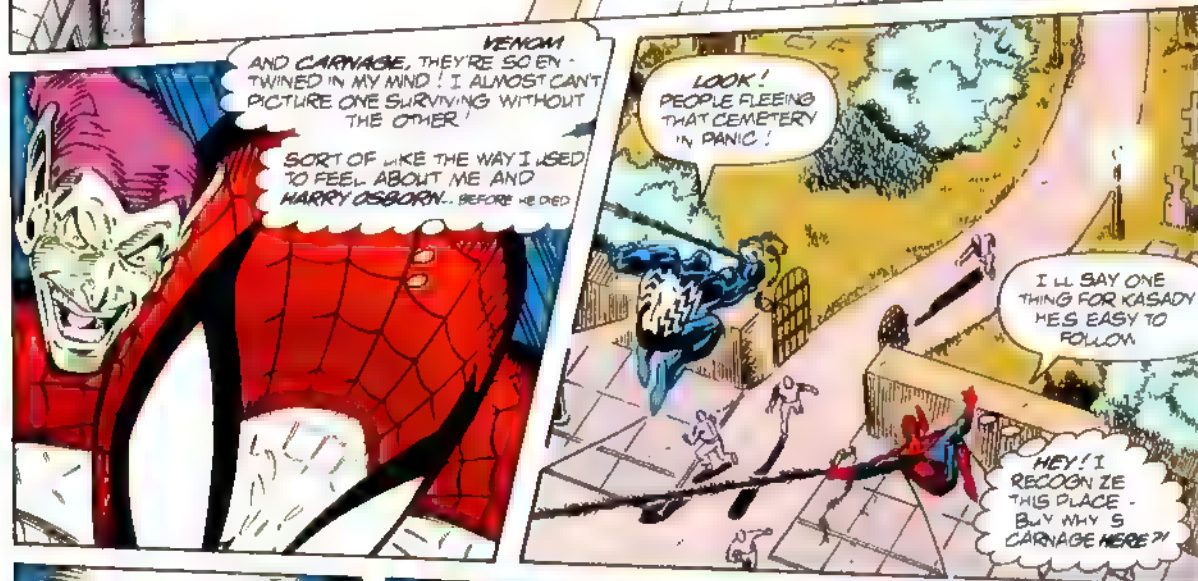
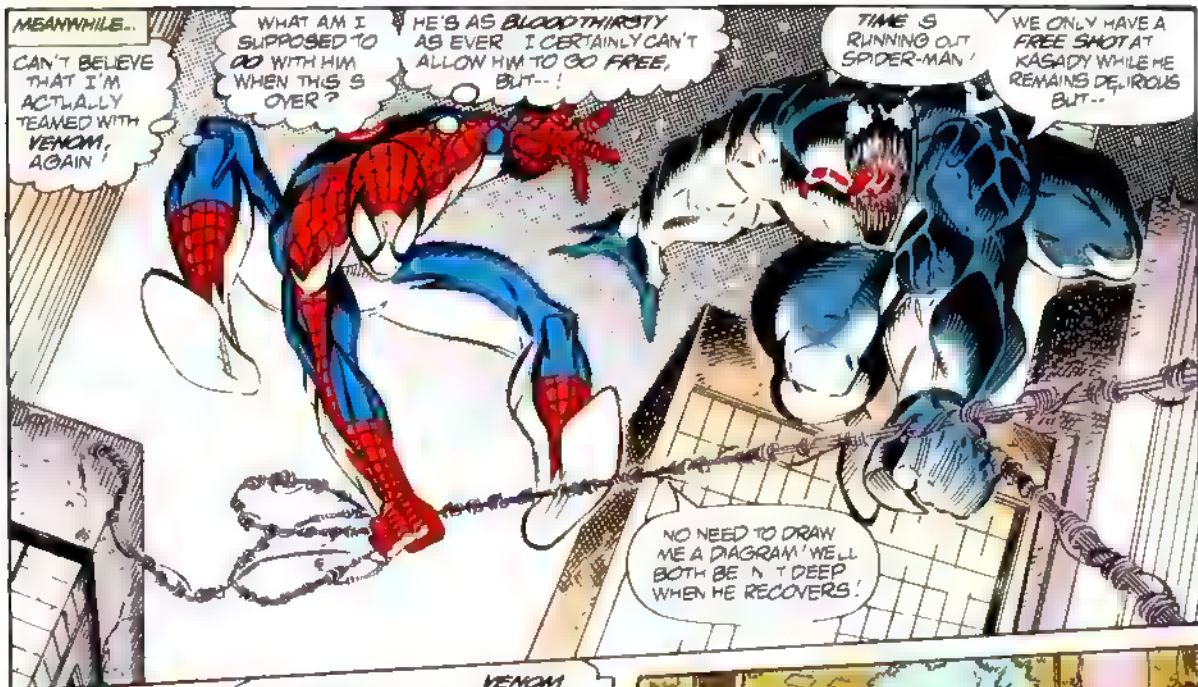
BUT I I  
PROTECT  
INNOCENTS















WAY TO GO, SICKO! 'S YOUR MIND SO FRIED THAT YOU'RE FORCED TO DIG UP YOUR GREATEST HITS?

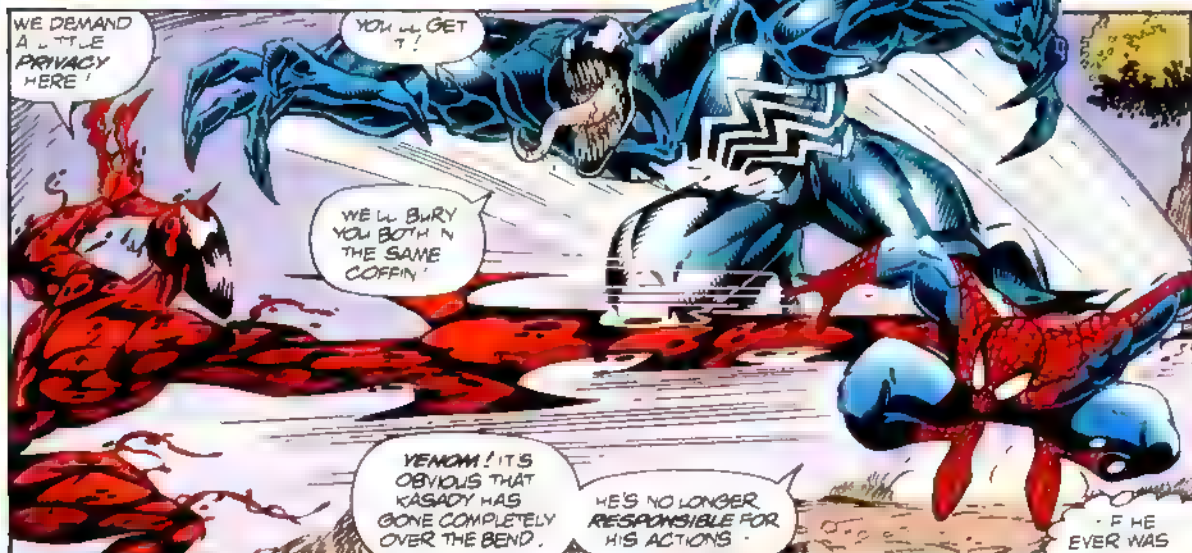
KASADY 'S IN EVEN WORSE SHAPE THAN I THOUGHT

HE'S SO DESPERATE THAT HE'S RETREATING INTO HIS PAST... IN A VAN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE VENOM!

HAVE YOU NO SHAME?!

HOW DARE YOU INTERRUPT AN EMOTIONAL REUNION BETWEEN A LOVING MOTHER AND HER DEVOTED SON?!

PEOPLE DIDN'T ACT LIKE THAT ON THE WONDER YEARS!



WE DEMAND A LITTLE PRIVACY HERE!

YOU'LL GET IT!

WE'LL BURY YOU BOTH IN THE SAME COFFIN!

VENOM! IT'S OBVIOUS THAT KASADY HAS GONE COMPLETELY OVER THE BEND.

HE'S NO LONGER RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ACTIONS.

IF HE EVER WAS

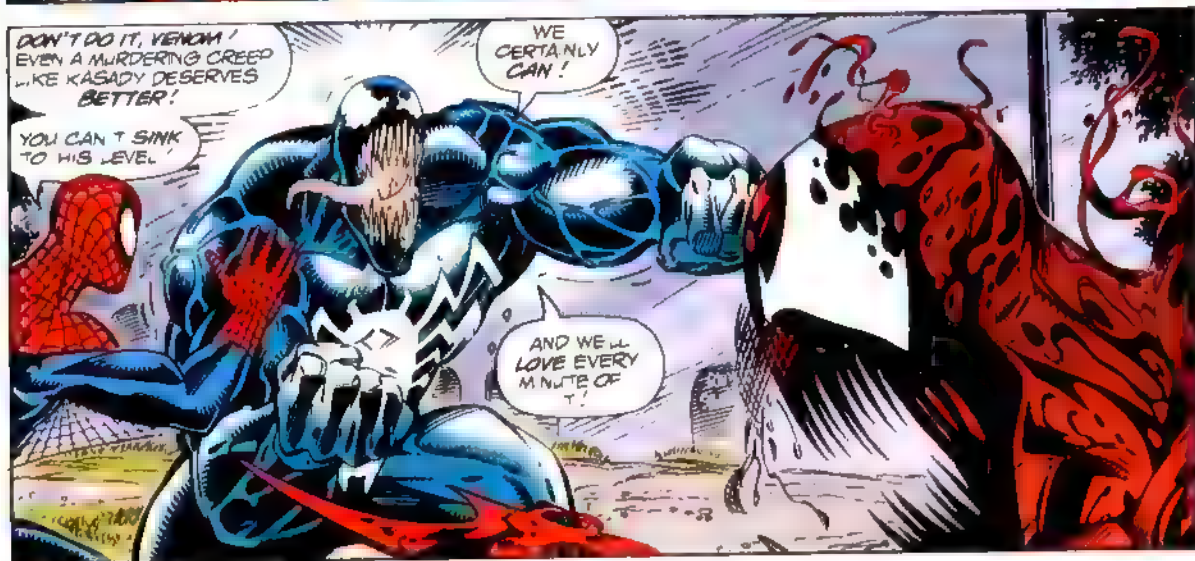
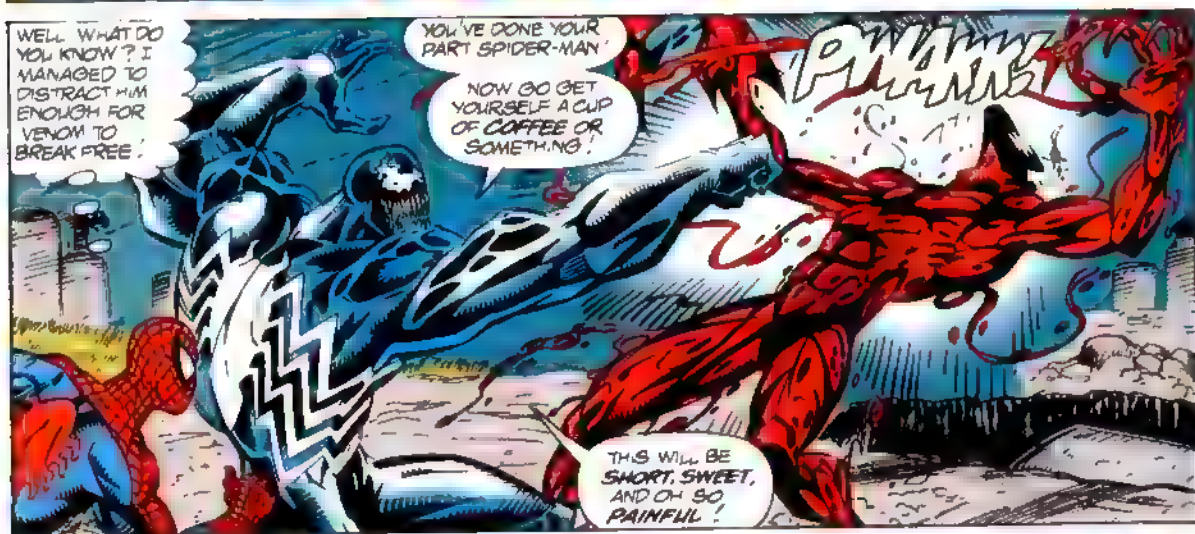
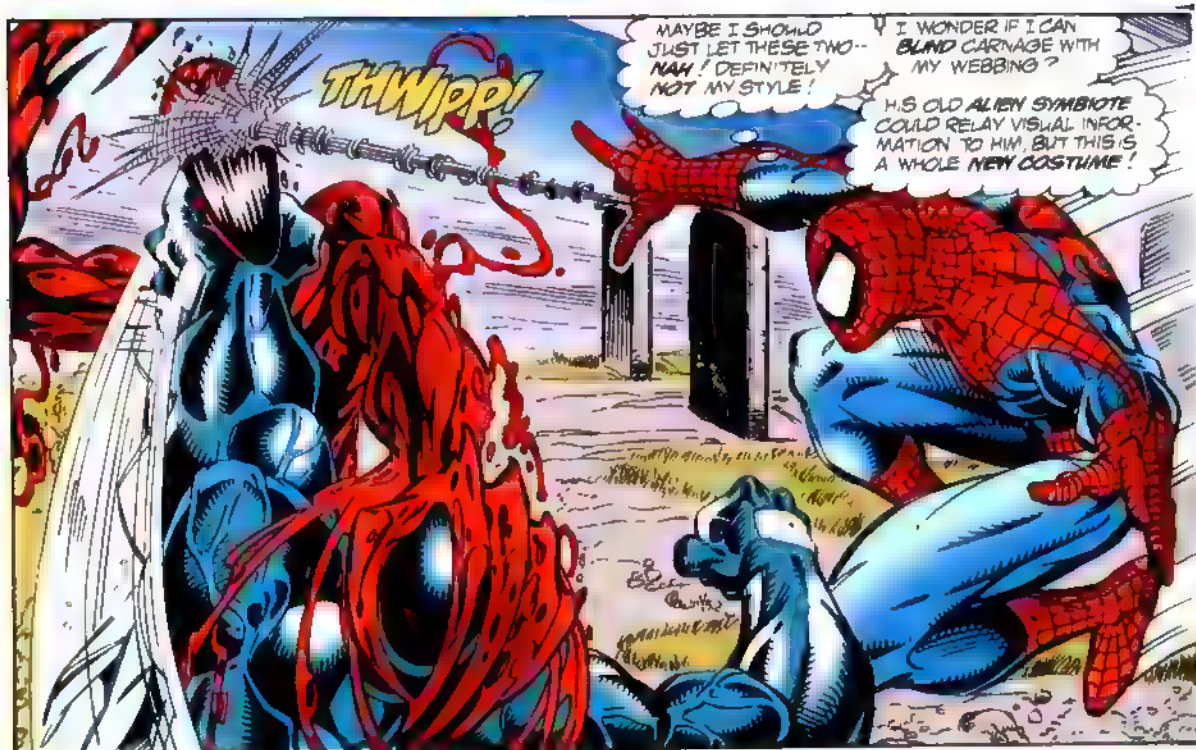


I SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE! YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK BAD IN FRONT OF MY MOMMY!

YOU'RE JEALOUS BECAUSE I WAS CERTIFIABLE LONG BEFORE I EVER GOT TANGLED UP WITH YOU AND YOUR ALIEN SYMBIOTE!

ARRGGH!









CARNAGE  
IS A THREAT  
TO ALL --  
--INCLUDING  
MY OTHER!

WE CANNOT  
ALLOW HIM TO  
SURVIVE!

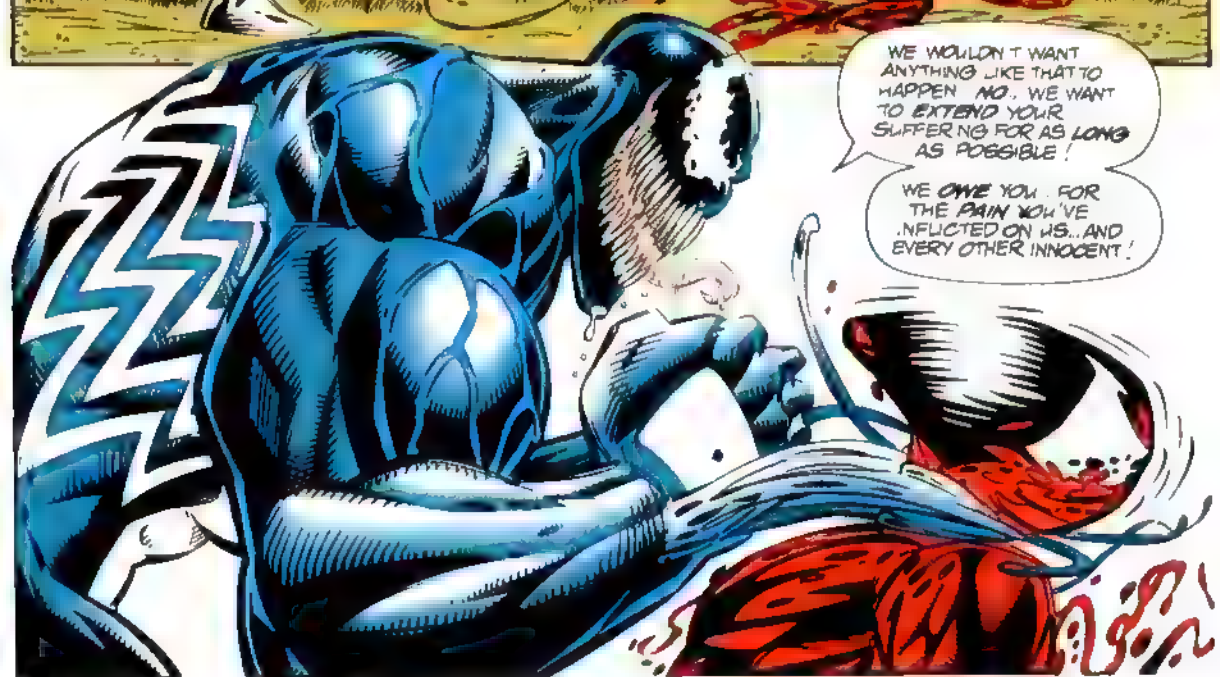
SLAM!

OOOO!  
WE'VE SET  
THAT SMARTS!



WHOOOPS!  
ALMOST BATTED  
YOU RIGHT INTO  
THOSE GENER-  
ATORS!

YOU WOULD  
HAVE GONE  
UP IN A FLASH  
IN YOUR CURRENT  
CONDITION!



WE WOULDN'T WANT  
ANYTHING LIKE THAT TO  
HAPPEN NO. WE WANT  
TO EXTEND YOUR  
SUFFERING FOR AS LONG  
AS POSSIBLE!

WE OWE YOU FOR  
THE PAIN YOU'VE  
INFLECTED ON US...AND  
EVERY OTHER INNOCENT!





**BACK OFF,  
VENOM!**

TOO MANY PEOPLE  
HAVE **ALREADY**  
DIED! ONE MORE  
WON'T SOLVE ANY  
THING!

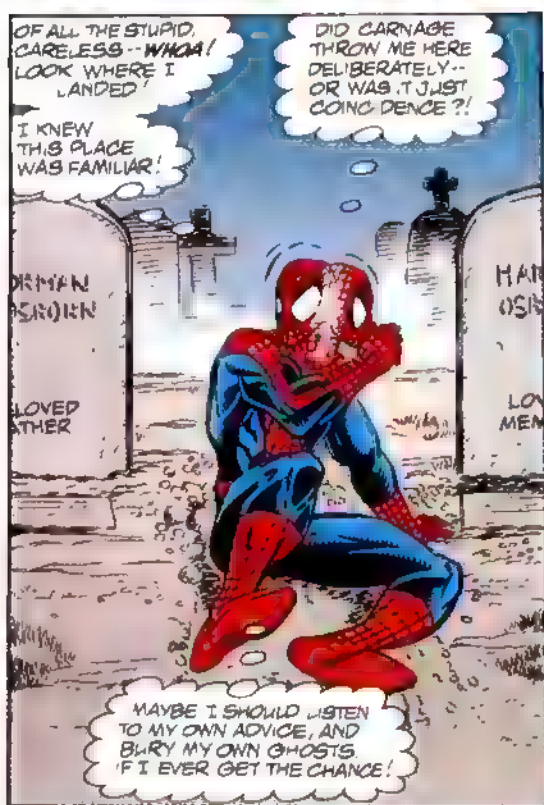
YOU KNOW ALL  
ABOUT THE SICK  
**CHILDHOOD** KASADY  
ENDURED THE **ABUSE**  
HE SUFFERED IS TANY  
WONDER HE TURNED  
OUT LIKE HE DID?!

HE NEVER  
HAD A CHANCE

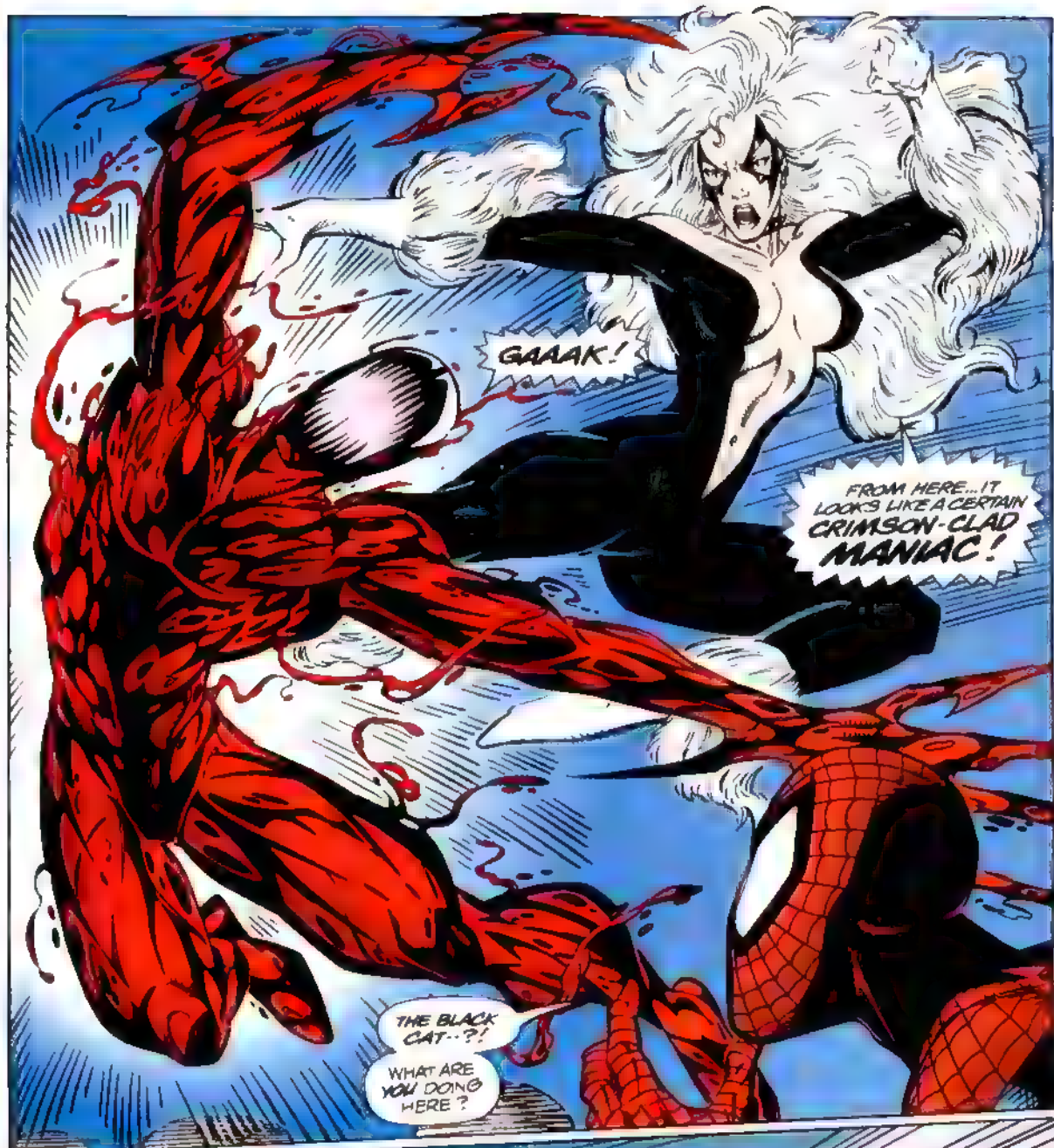
IN HIS OWN  
FASHION HE JUST  
MAY BE THE MOST  
**INNOCENT** OF  
ALL

THE TIME HAS FINALLY  
COME FOR YOU TO PUT  
YOUR **PERSONAL** DEMONS  
TO REST BROCK TO BURY  
YOUR **GHOSTS** IN THE  
PAST AND BEGIN THE  
**HEALING** PROCESS!









GAAAK!

FROM HERE...IT  
LOOKS LIKE A CERTAIN  
CRIMSON-CLAD  
MANIAC!

THE BLACK  
CAT--?!

WHAT ARE  
YOU DOING  
HERE?



I WAS ON MY WAY  
TO ST. ESTES, WHEN  
I HEARD THE COM-  
MOTION!

THAT ISN'T QUITE  
WHAT I MEANT. I ER  
DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE  
YOU BACK IN THE FIGHT

NEITHER DID I,  
BUT CATS ARE SUP-  
POSED TO HAVE NINE  
LIVES, SO I FIGURED  
I HAD A FEW TO  
SPARE!

I'M REAL  
GLAD YOU'RE  
HERE, LADY!

ME,  
TOO!





THIS PLACE IS GETTING A LITTLE TOO CROWDED!

SOOOO I'LL JUST SNAG MOMMY DEAREST!

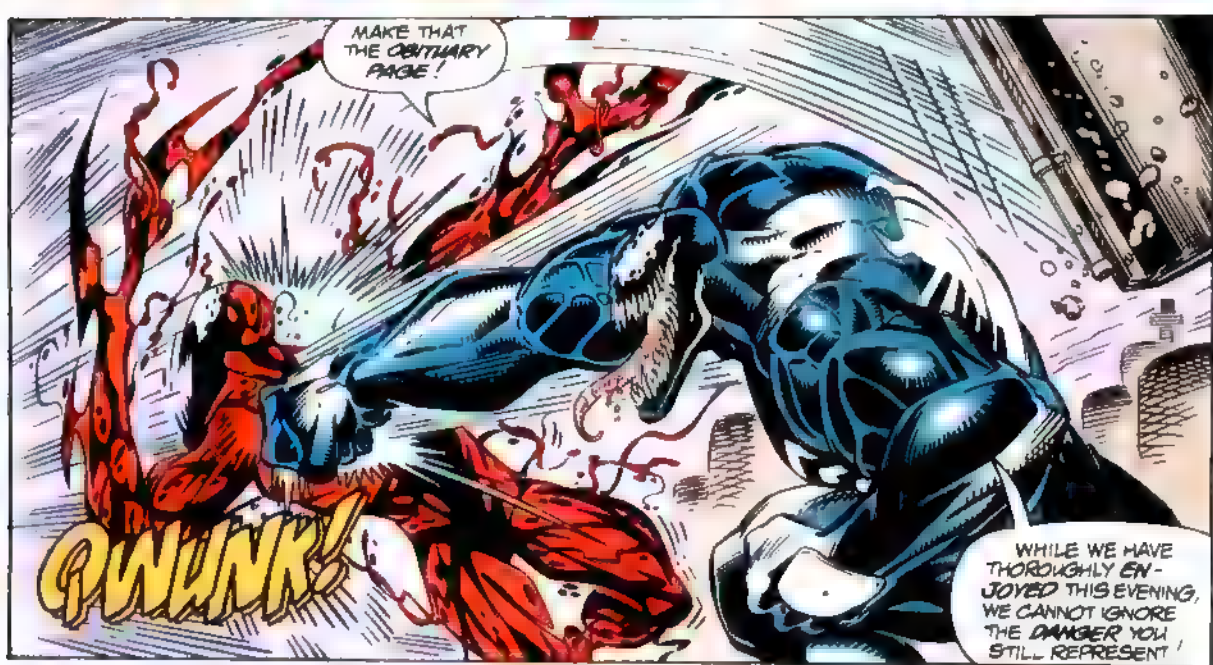


WHY DOES HE WANT THAT COFFIN?

WHO KNOWS?

WITH CARNAGE, SENSE WAS NEVER A HIGH PRIORITY!

TA-TA, ALL! I'LL SEE YOU IN THE FUNNY PAPERS!



MAKE THAT THE CENTURY PAGE!

WHILE WE HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THIS EVENING, WE CANNOT IGNORE THE DANGER YOU STILL REPRESENT!



YOU ALONE -- OF ALL WE HAVE EVER FOUGHT -- FILL US WITH FEAR!

YOU TORTURED US AND BROUGHT US WITHIN A HARSBREATH OF OBLIVION!

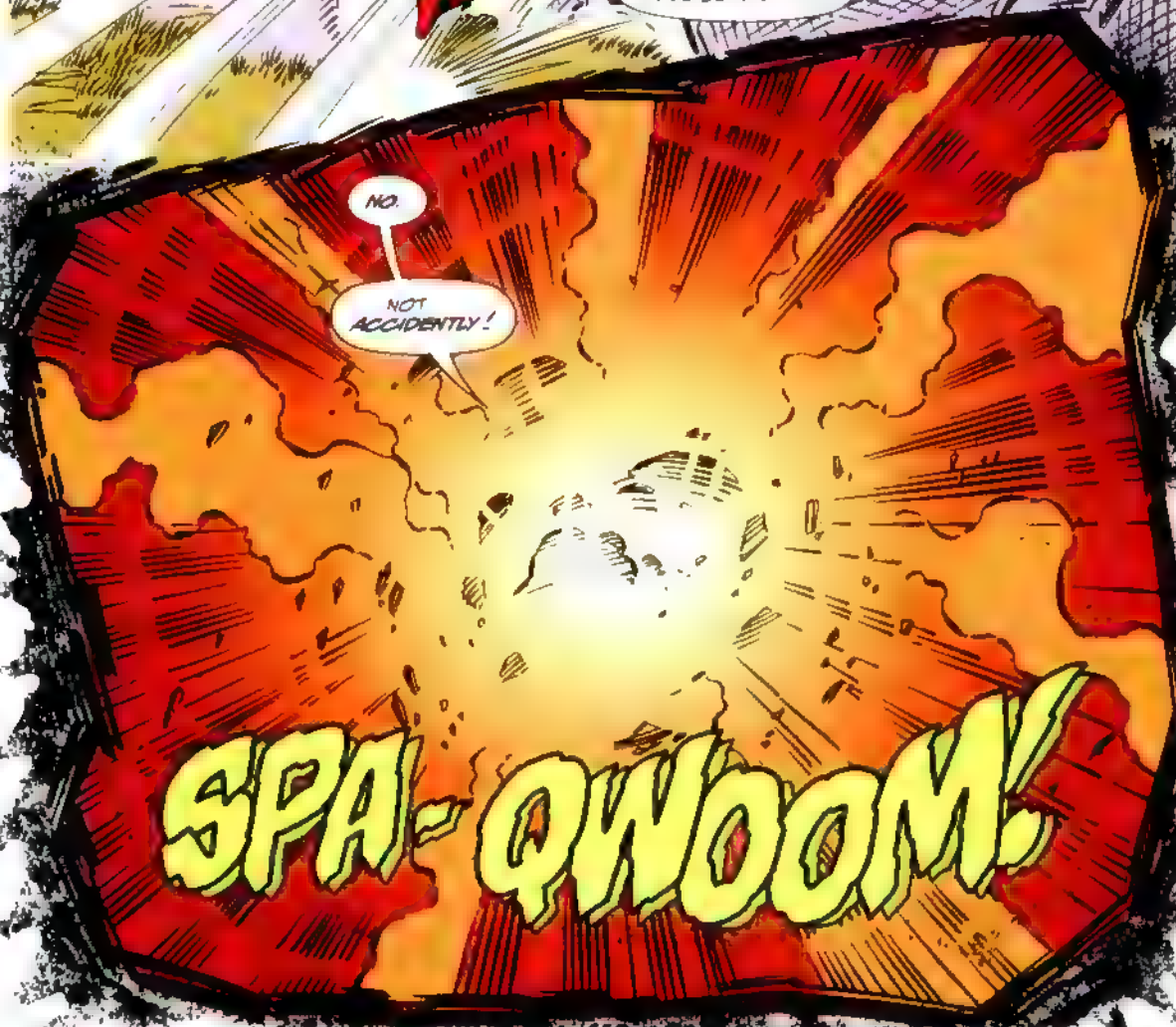
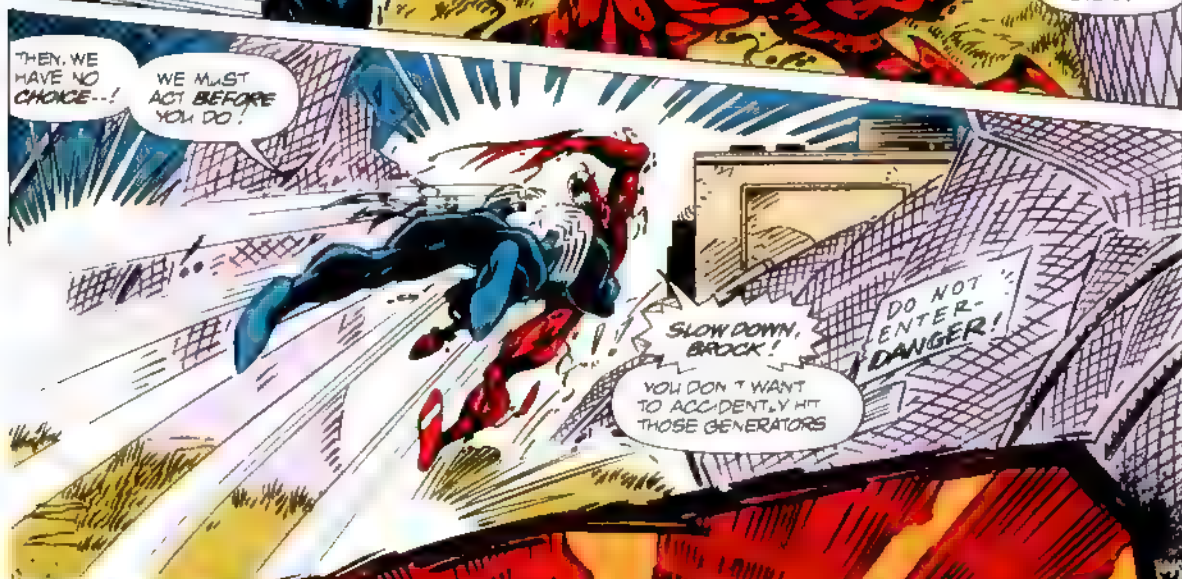
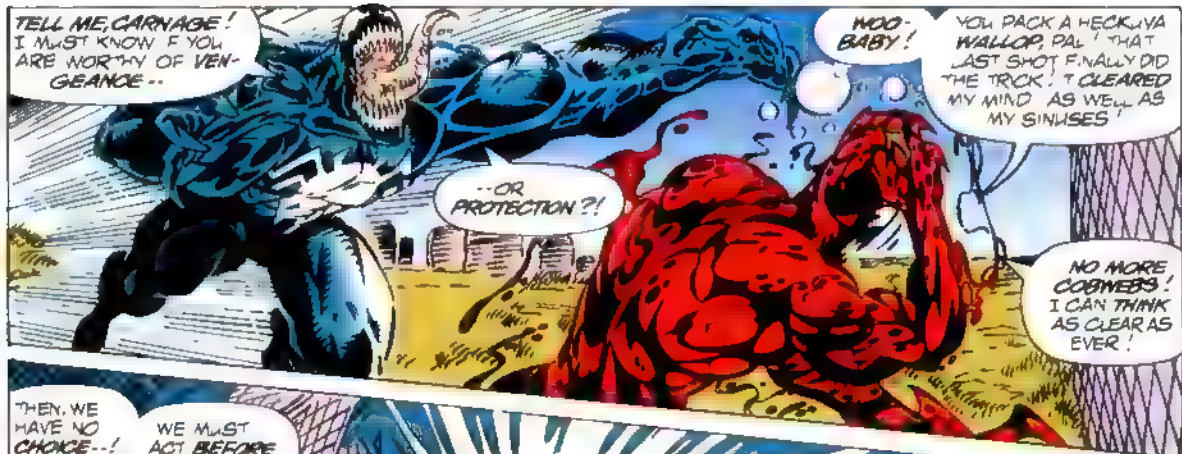


AND YET I AM HAUNTED BY SPIDER-MAN'S WORDS!

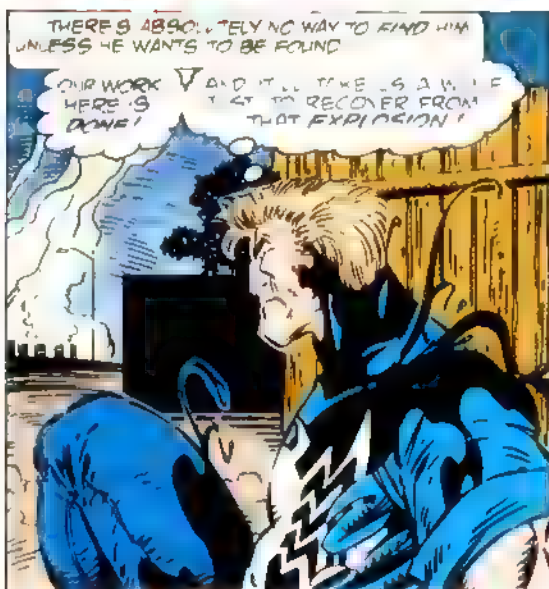
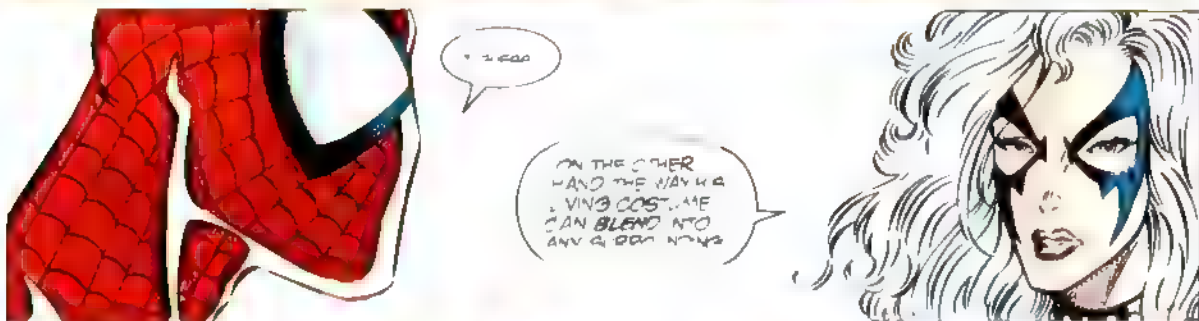
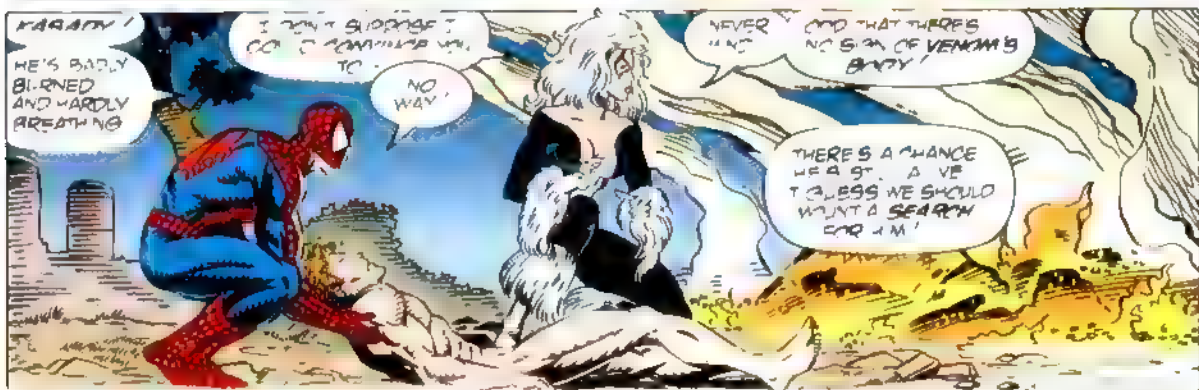
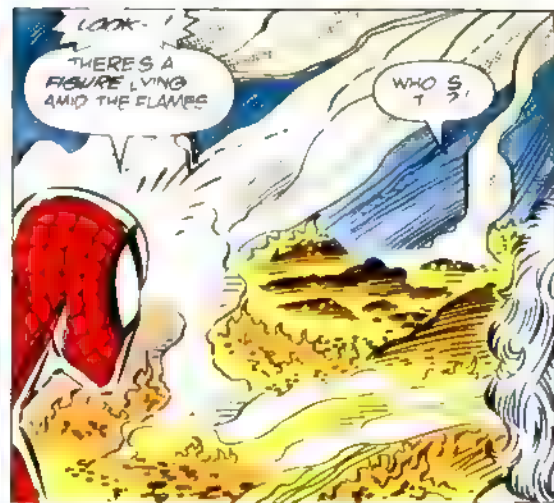
ARE YOU AN OBJECT OF HATRED--

--OR PITY?!

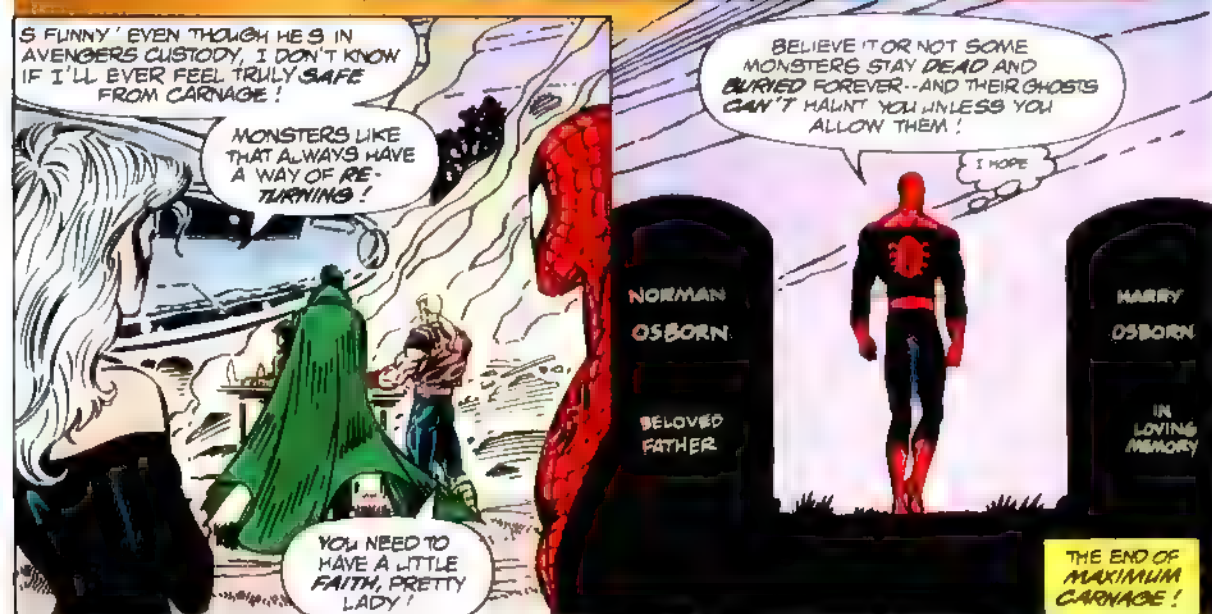
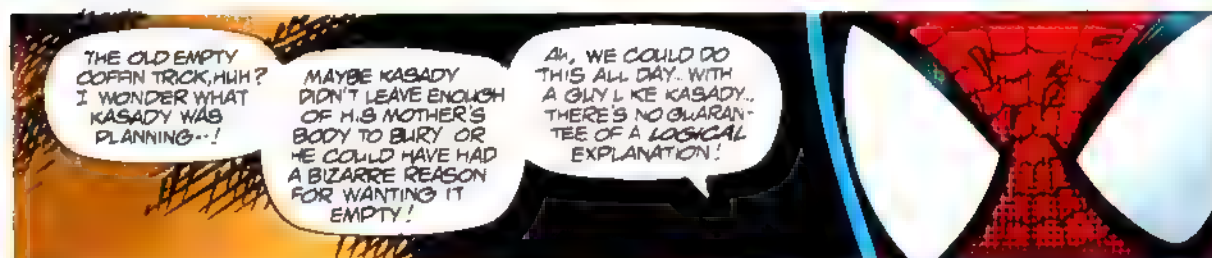
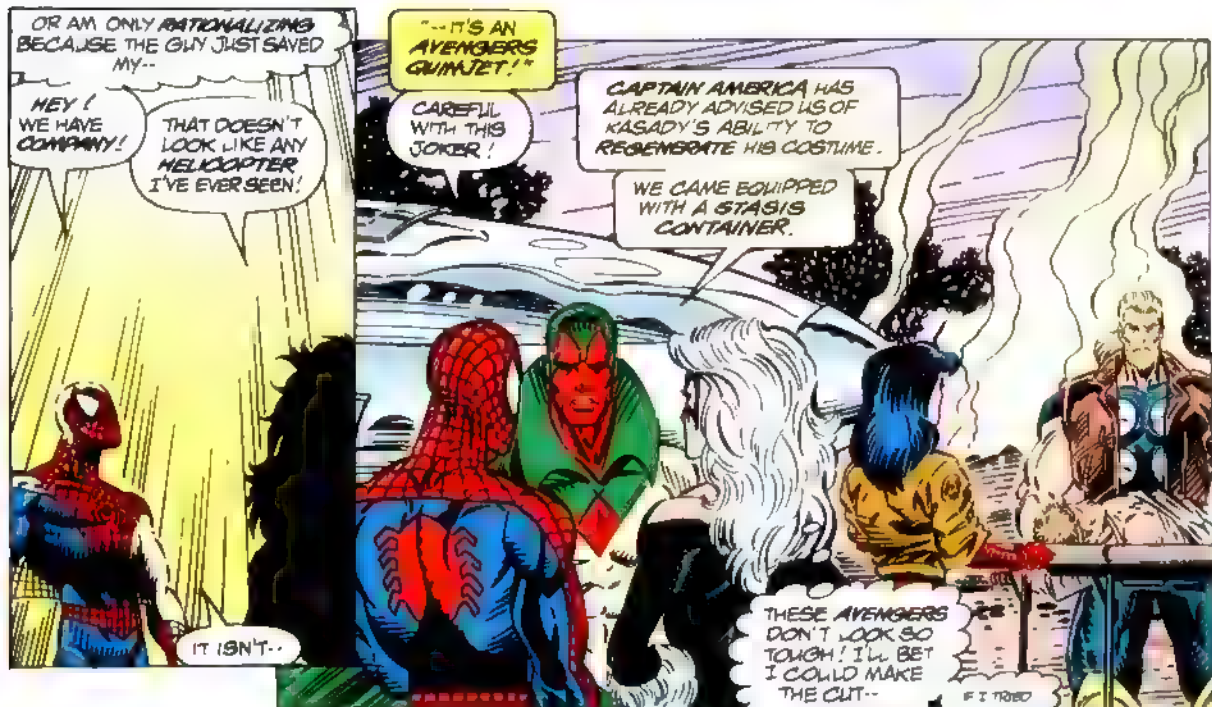














BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT PETER PARKER GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDERFUL WEB SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

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"DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS IN YOUR LIFE? SURE YOU DO-- WE'VE ALL GOT TROUBLES, FRUSTRATIONS, TIMES WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHERE TO TURN.

"WANT TO KNOW HOW TO MAKE 'EM BETTER?"

I DON'T HAVETA--

HI

AK!

GOT THE MONEY! GOT AWAY!

JUST CLEANED OUT THE REGISTER WHEN THE OLD MAN'S BACK WAS TURNED.

DIDN'T HAVETA HURT NOBODY THIS TIME

YOU TOOK THE RENT MONEY FROM THOSE PEOPLE BUT YOU DON'T CARE, DO YOU?

YOU NEED HELP

N-NO, YOU THE WRONG GUY, YOU NOT MALE.

"DO WHAT I DO-- GO TO THE MOVIES!"

## OTHER PEOPLE'S DREAMS

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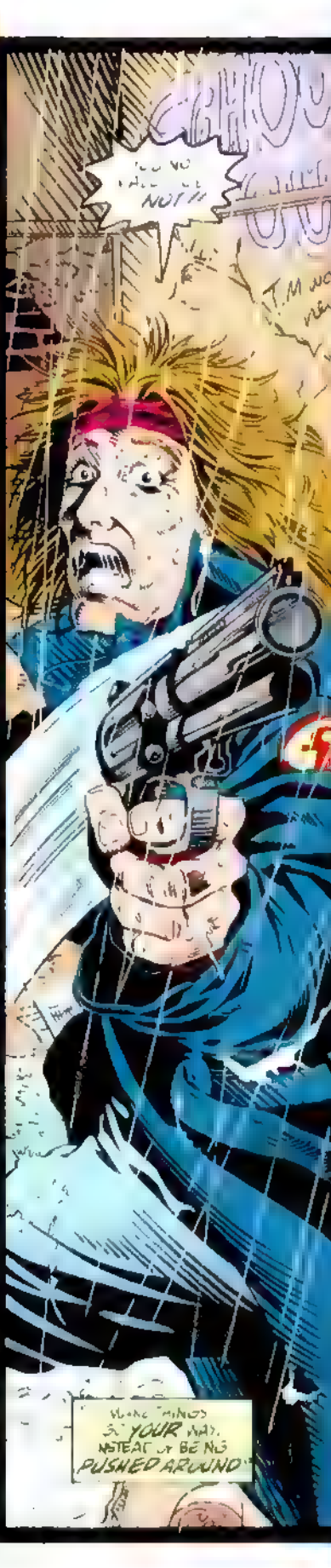
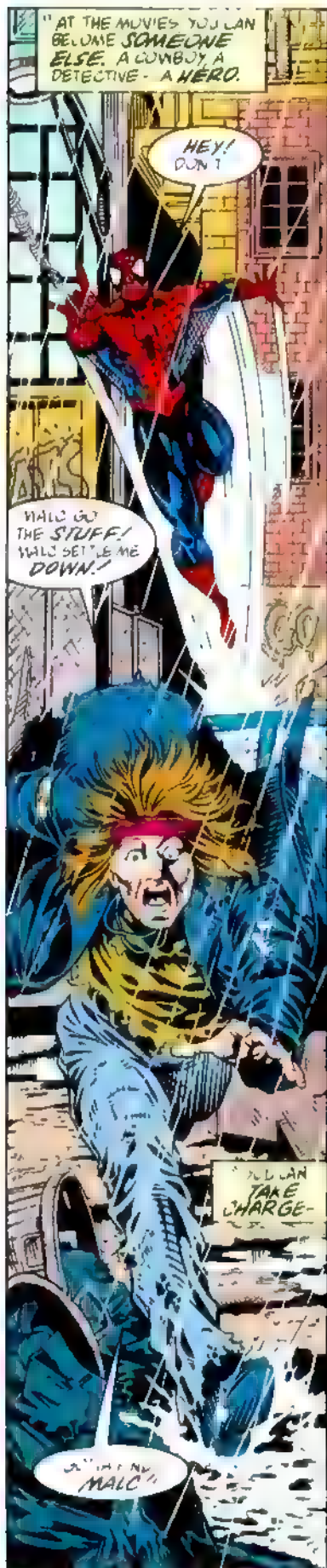
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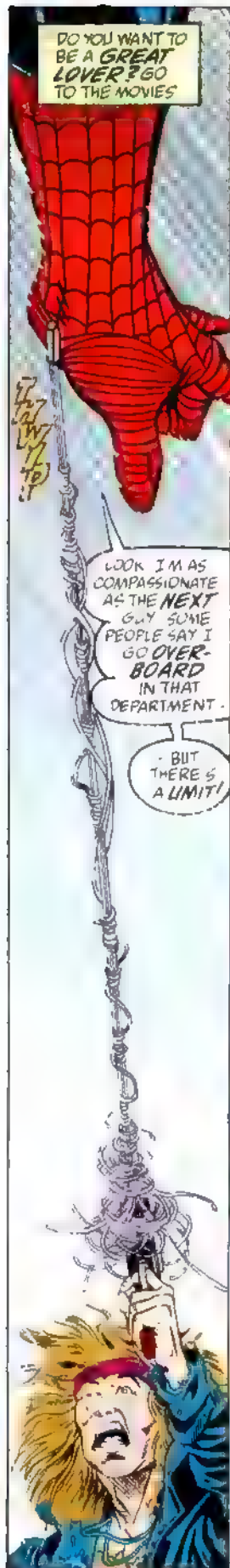
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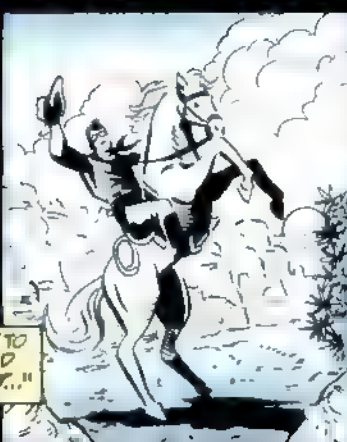
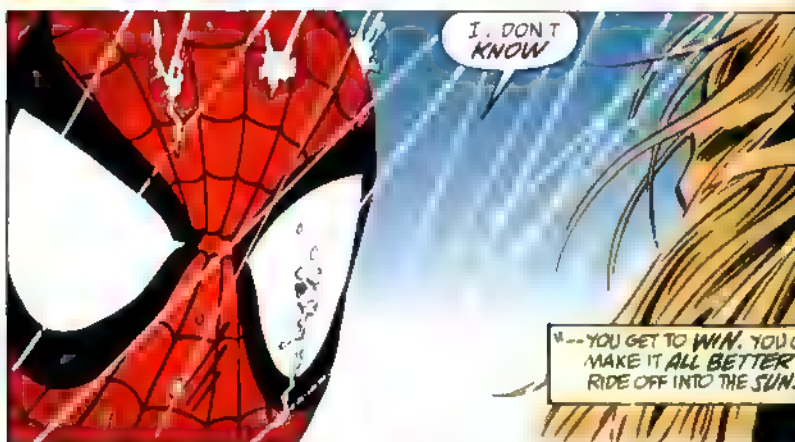
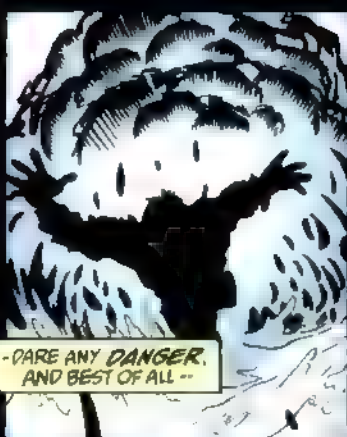
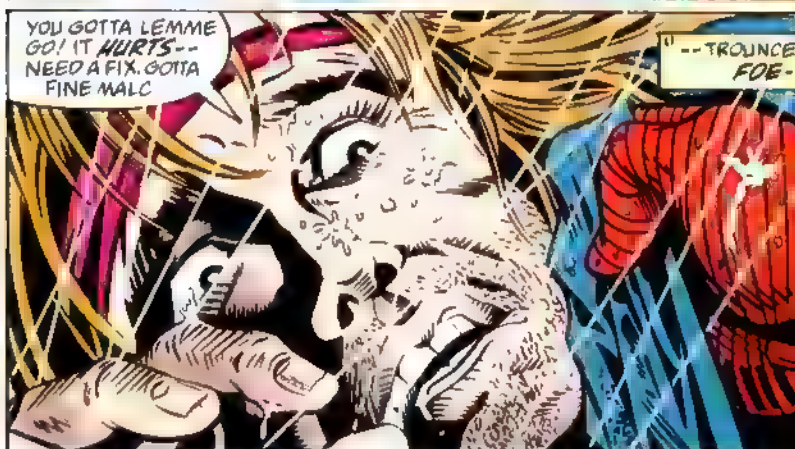
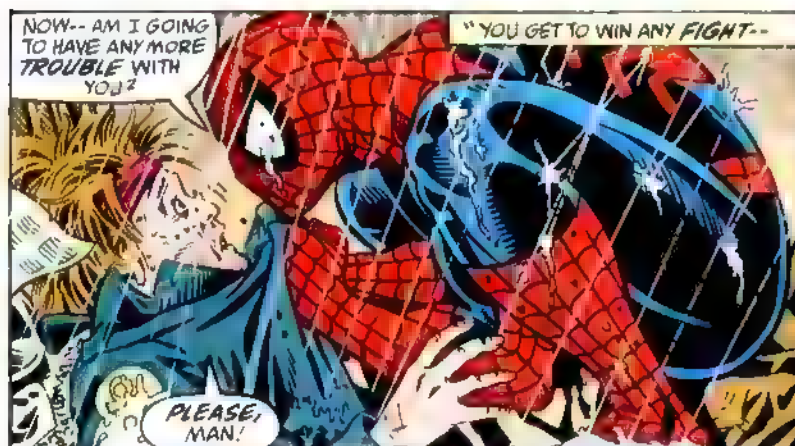




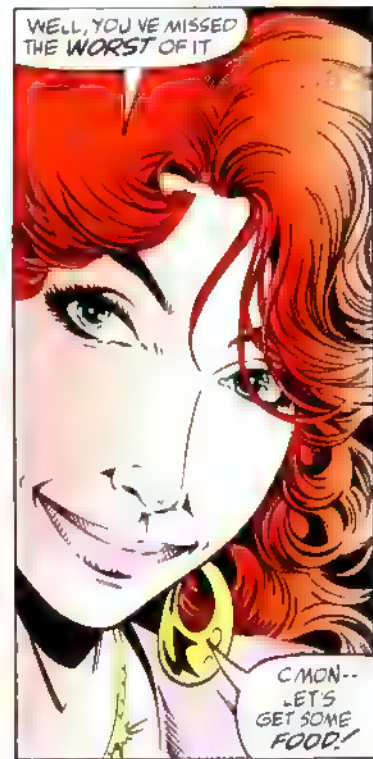
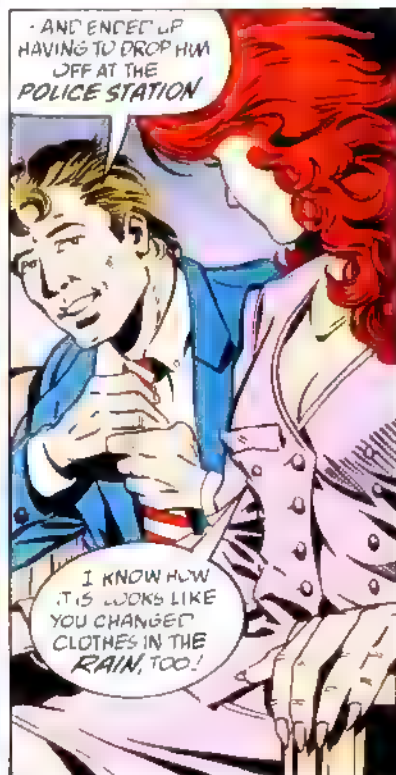
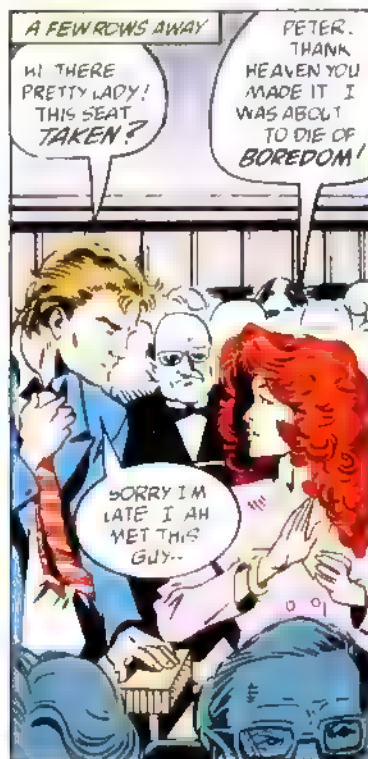
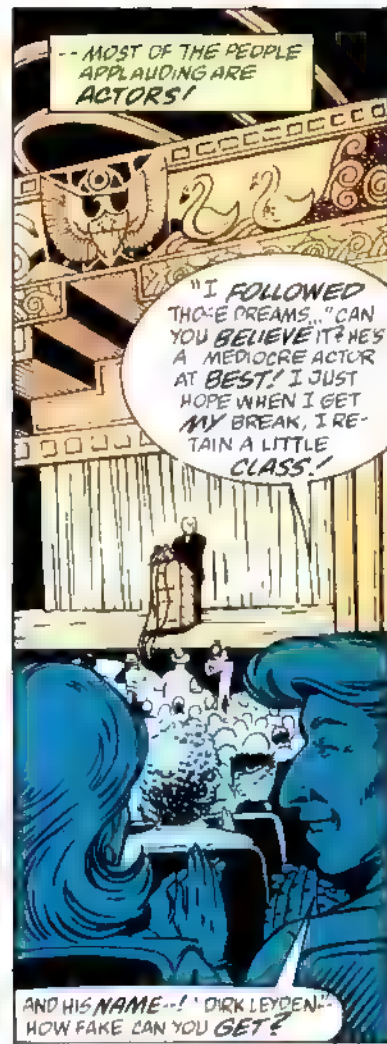




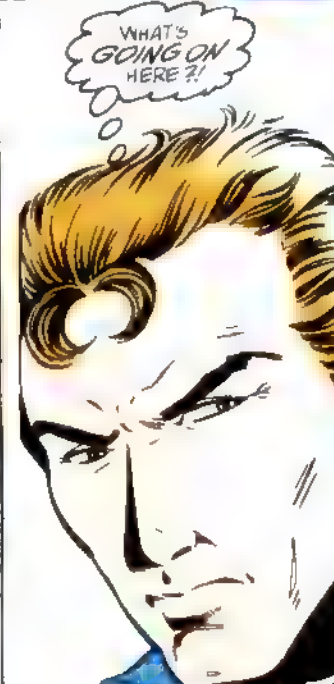
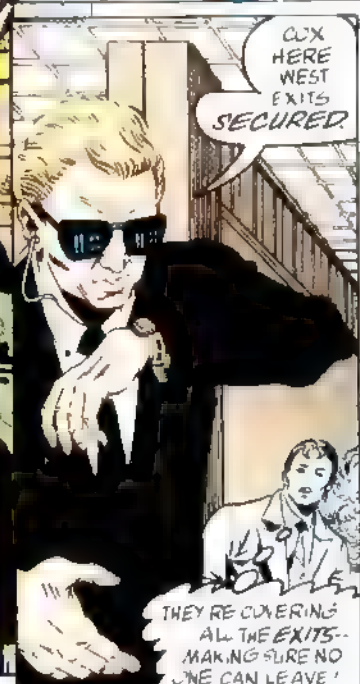
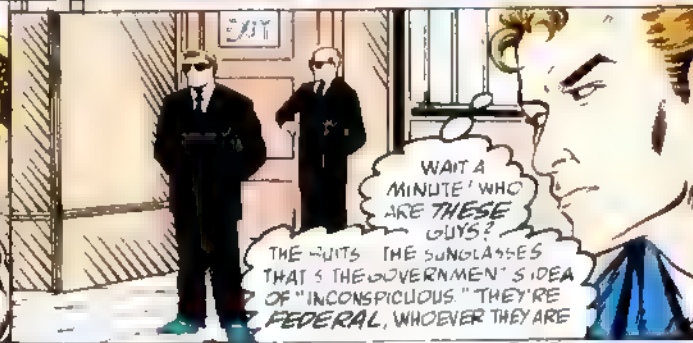
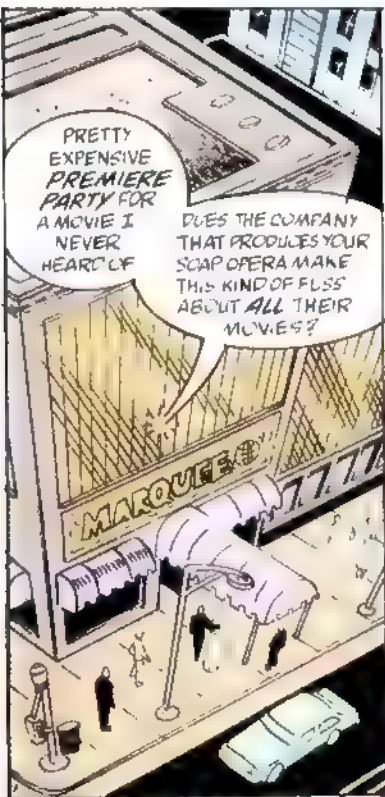




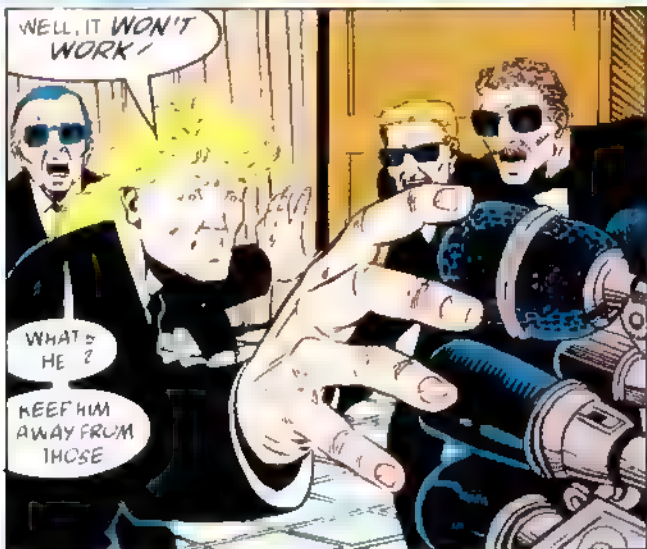
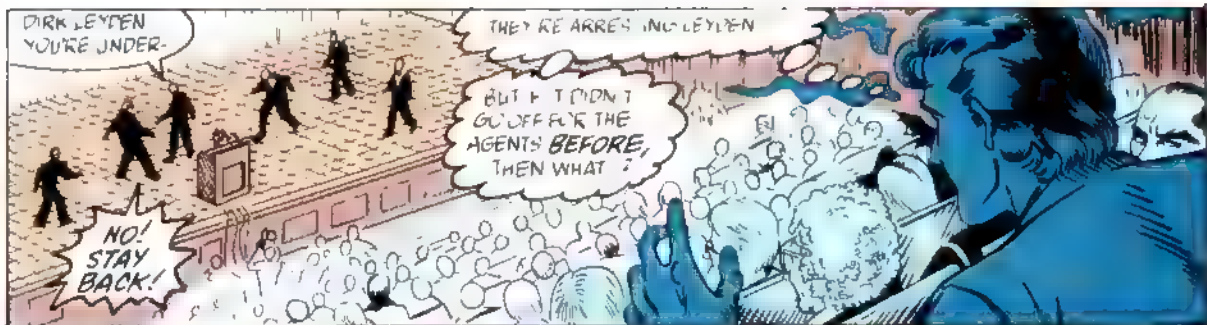




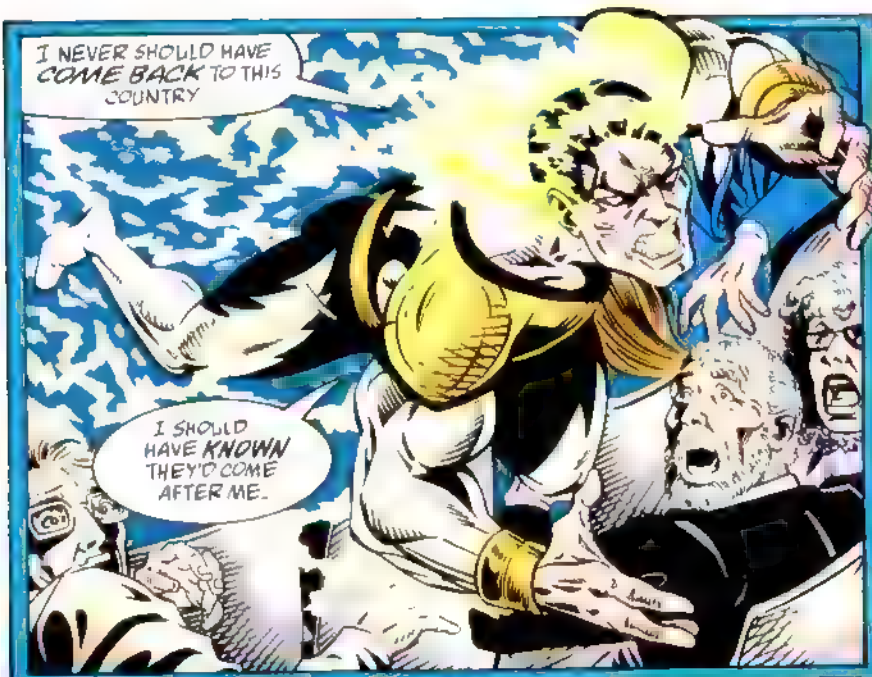






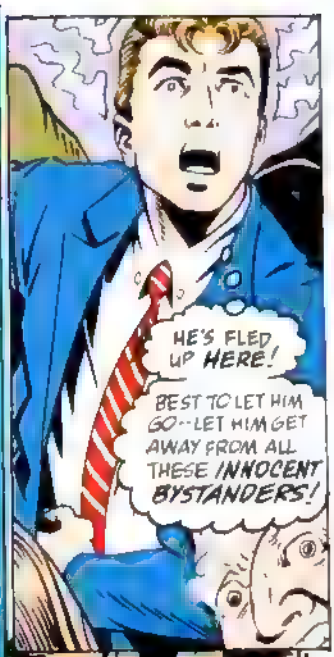






I NEVER SHOULD HAVE COME BACK TO THIS COUNTRY

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THEY'D COME AFTER ME.



HE'S FLED UP HERE!  
BEST TO LET HIM GO--LET HIM GET AWAY FROM ALL THESE INNOCENT BYSTANDERS!



BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN I SHOULDN'T HAVE A WAY TO FOLLOW HIM!

HOPE THE INSULATION ON MY SPIDEY TRACER CAN STAND UP TO THE VOLTAGE HE'S PUTTING OUT!



NO ONE'S GONNA STOP ME! NO ONE'S GONNA SLOW ME DOWN!

JUST LIKE SNAKE PLISKIN... I'LL MAKE IT TO SAFETY!



MEANWHILE

GOT TO GO TO WORK MONEY!

CATCH YOU AT HOME!



CAN'T TAKE A CHANCE ON THE TRACER SHORTING OUT.

GOT TO GET ON HIS TRAIL BEFORE HE GETS TOO FAR AWAY!



AND, MERE SECONDS LATER--



--THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN SWINGS INTO ACTION!

MY SPIDER-SENSE IS PICKING UP THE TRACER SIGNAL! I'M HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION!

WEIRD. THE GUYS NOT ONLY A MOVIE STAR, HE'S A SUPERVILLAIN TOO--  
--AND I'VE NEVER HEARD OF HIM EITHER WAY!

BUT FROM THE WAY HE WAS SHOUTING, HE'S BEEN HERE BEFORE--  
AND THE FEDS DEFINITELY WANT HIM FOR SOMETHING!

BUT WHAT?

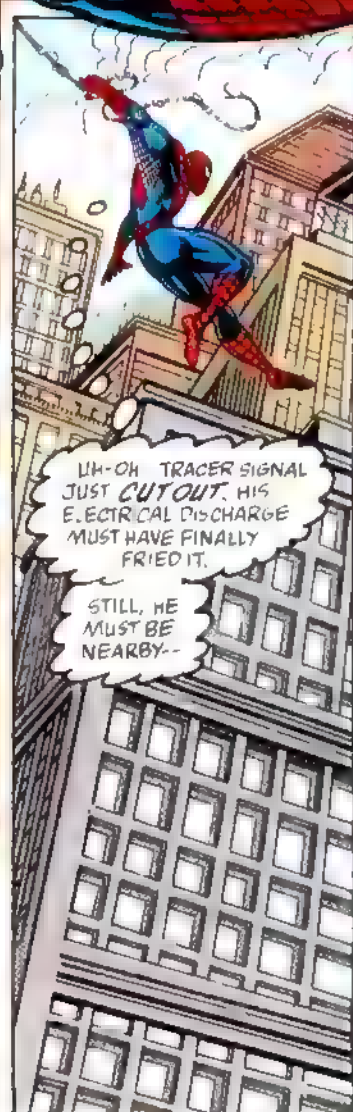
UH-OH. TRACER SIGNAL JUST CUT OUT. HIS ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE MUST HAVE FINALLY FRIED IT.

STILL, HE MUST BE NEARBY--

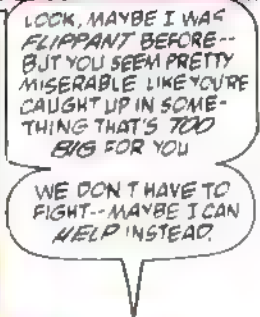
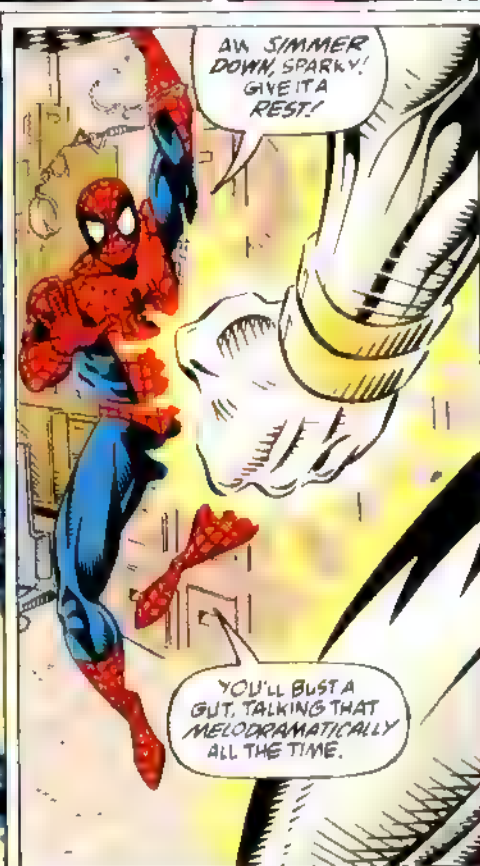
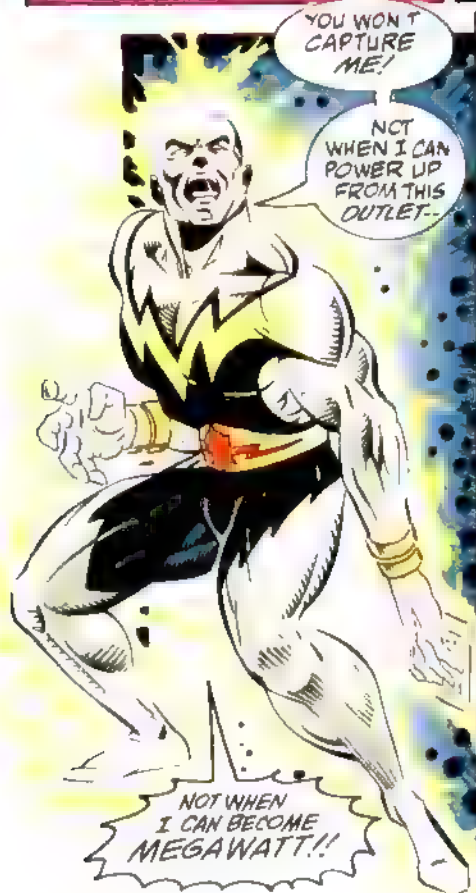
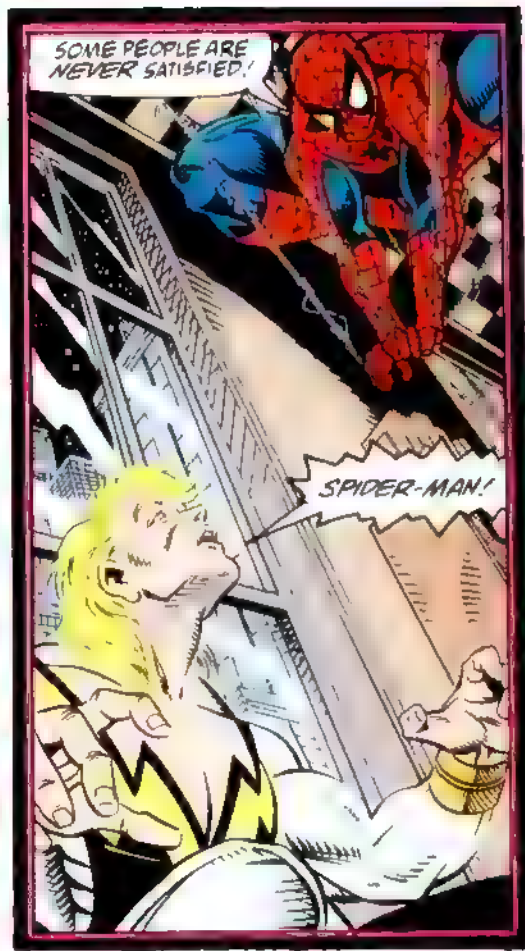
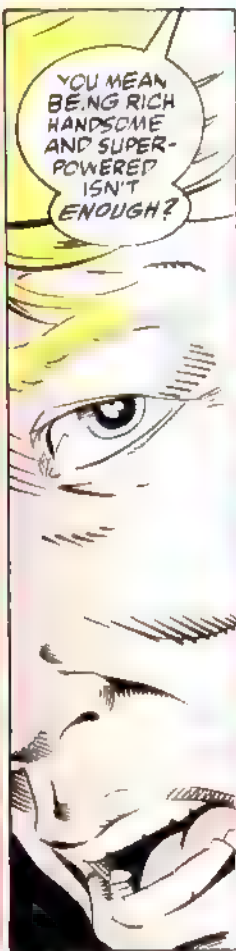
--BINGO!

IT WASN'T THAT THAT BROKE DOWN THAT DUE TO THE HULK'S BEEN HIRED AS JANITOR HERE.

--OR I'VE LOST MY WAND'RING STAR!









YEAH SURE THIS IS ABOUT THE POINT WHERE THE DESPERATE CHARACTER CONFESSES HIS SECRETS TO THE SYMPATHETIC ANTAGONIST, ISN'T IT?

I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT ALL STARTED

"I GREW UP, UPSTATE, IN PEEKSKILL, A NORMAL KID, I LOVED BASEBALL, HOT DOGS, APPLE PIE AND THE MOVIES

'EVERY CHANCE I GOT, I'D GO TO THE MOVIES, AND I KNEW I WAS DESTINED FOR GREATNESS-- THAT I'D BE LIKE MY FAVORITE HEROES SOME DAY.

"I REALLY, REALLY LOVED THE MOVIES

"BUT ALAS, IT WAS NOT TO BE

I TRIED TO SHOPLIFT SOME GUM CARDS-- STEVE MCQUEEN IN 'SKY RAIDERS,' A GREAT MOVIE--

HEY KID! WHAT'RE YOU DOING?

SKY RAIDERS

"-- AND I GOT CAUGHT AT IT

"I DITCHED AND GOT AWAY-- BUT I WAS RECOGNIZED

HEY COME BACK HERE!

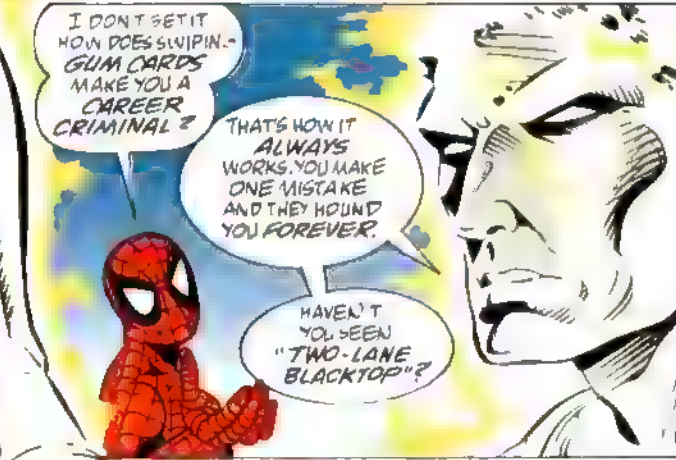
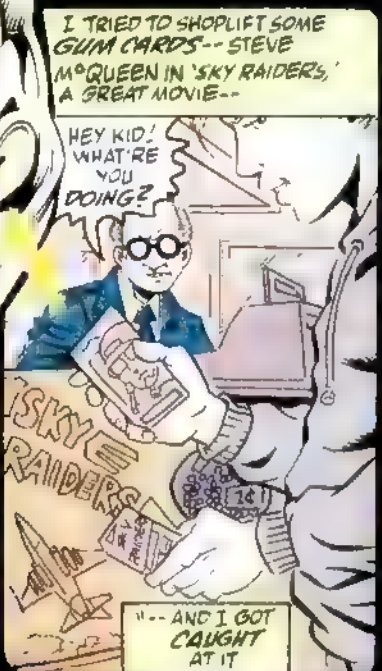
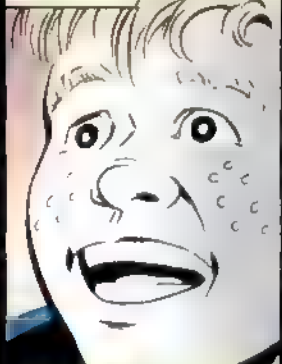
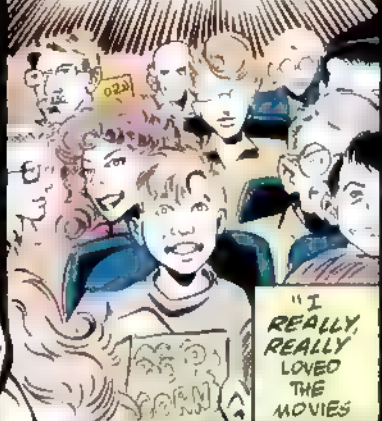
I KNOW YOU'LL CALL YOUR MOM, YOU LITTLE PUNK!

"I KNEW THEN THAT I WAS DOOMED FOREVER TO A LIFE OF CRIME."

I DON'T GET IT HOW DOES SWIPIN' GUM CARDS MAKE YOU A CAREER CRIMINAL?

THAT'S HOW IT ALWAYS WORKS. YOU MAKE ONE MISTAKE AND THEY HOUND YOU FOREVER.

HAVEN'T YOU SEEN "TWO-LANE BLACKTOP"?





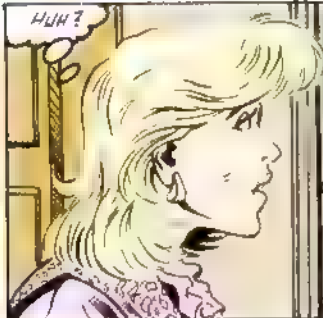
MEANWHILE, ACROSS THE STREET, ASSOCIATE CONTRACTS MANAGER MANNAN CALKINS PUTS IN ANOTHER LATE NIGHT...

GOT TO GET THIS DONE. GOT TO HAVE IT FOR TOMORROW.

BUT I'M SO TIRED... I CAN'T REMEMBER WHETHER IT'S "NOT-WITHSTANDING THE ABOVE" OR "THE ABOVE NOTWITHSTANDING!"



HUH?



THAT FLICKERING LIGHT--?

IT'S MOVING AROUND-- LIKE IT'S PACING



WHATEVER IT IS, I DON'T LIKE IT.



AND AS MS. CALKINS DIALS 9-1-1

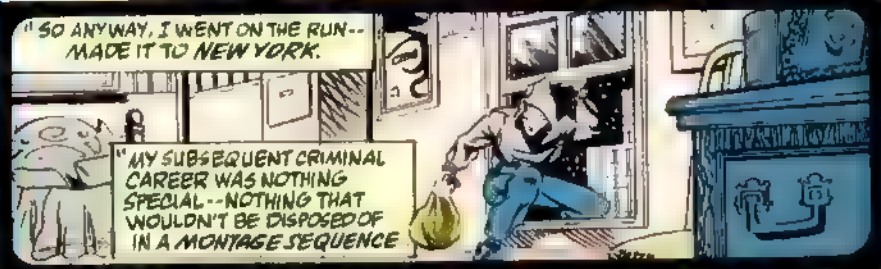
COME ON, MEGS-- THIS IS REAL LIFE, NOT THE MOVIES!



YOU KNOW, THEY SAY THAT IN THE MOVIES, TOO

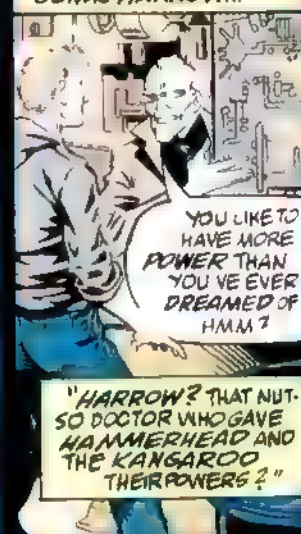
ALL THE TIME.

"SO ANYWAY, I WENT ON THE RUN-- MADE IT TO NEW YORK.



"MY SUBSEQUENT CRIMINAL CAREER WAS NOTHING SPECIAL--NOTHING THAT WOULDN'T BE DISPOSED OF IN A MONTAGE SEQUENCE

"UNTIL WHILE I WAS ON THE LAM ONE TIME, I MET UP WITH A GUY NAMED JONAS HARROW...



YOU LIKE TO HAVE MORE POWER THAN YOU'VE EVER DREAMED OF, HMM?

"HARROW? THAT NUT. SO DOCTOR WHO GAVE HAMMERHEAD AND THE KANGAROO THEIR POWERS?"

"THAT'S THE GUY HE GAVE ME MY POWERS, TOO.



"ALTERED MY NERVOUS SYSTEM SO I CAN ABSORB AND STORE ELECTRICITY--

"SO I CAN TURN IT TO SUPER-STRENGTH OR JUST USE IT FOR 'LIGHTNING BLASTS'."

STILL HAVING POWERS DIDN'T IMPROVE THINGS ANY FOR ME..

I GOT BEATEN ON MY VERY FIRST MISSION AS MEGAWATT





"HARROW SENT ME AND SOME OF HIS HIRELINGS TO BREAK INTO A WAREHOUSE-- STEAL SOME HIGHTECH COMPONENTS HE WANTED.

"THE LOCKSMAN WAS ALMOST THROUGH THE DOOR WHEN--

DROP THE TORCH, BOYS

"THE COMPONENTS WERE KEPT IN THIS SPECIAL VAULT.

"I DON'T KNOW HOW HE KNEW WE WERE THERE. I'D HAVE SWORN WE BARELY MADE A SOUND.

"BUT THERE HE WAS-- DAREDEVIL. THE FIRST SUPER HERO I'D EVER SEEN.

ALL RIGHT. DON'T SURRENDER. SEE IF I CARE

"IT WAS HUMILIATING. HE MOVED SO FAST--

"--THE OTHERS WERE DOWN BEFORE I COULD REACT.

"I'D TAKEN ON A CHARGE BEFORE SETTING OUT, BUT I DIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO USE IT--

WHAT'S THIS? A JUNIOR-LEAGUE ELECTRO? SORRY SON, BUT STARR SAXON'S ON THE LOOSE--

-- I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU!

BOKE!

UHMM!

"HE KNOCKED ME COLD BEFORE I'D FULLY POWERED-UP!





"BY THE TIME I WOKE UP, HE WAS GONE--"

"... BUT THE COPS HAD ARRIVED IN FORCE."



"AT THE STATION, THEY HAD SOME TROUBLE FINDING MY RAP SHEET--"

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "NOTHING?"

LIGHTNING DESIGN ON HIS CHEST, SORTA PLANET-THING ON HIS BELT. ELECTRIC POWERS. DID YOU CROSS CHECK WITH AVENGERS' FILES?

"BUT I KNEW IT WOULDN'T STAY LOST FOREVER."



YOU KNEW THAT? A SHOPLIFTING CHARGE FROM MINNESOTA THAT YOU'RE NOT SURE WAS EVER EVEN FILED?!

YOU KNEW THEY'D FIND IT?



OF COURSE THEY WOULD, SPIDER-MAN

IT WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF STORY LOGIC IF THEY DIDN'T.

BUT BEFORE THEY DID, I USED THE LAST OF MY STORED CHARGE TO BREAK FREE--



"--AND I FLED THE COUNTRY, WINDING UP IN AUSTRALIA."

"I WAS BROKE-- I NEEDED A JOB--"



"--AND I FOUND ONE, WORKING AS A STUNTMAN FOR KOOLABAR FILMS."

-- AND THERE'S AN END TO JACK DONOHUE'S

CUT! PERFECT!

"IT WAS A HAPPY TIME FOR ME--"

- AND BECAME HAPPIER STILL WHEN I GOT MY FIRST SPEAKING PART IN 'VAN DIEMEN'S LAND'--

YOU'RE MISERABLE HALF. STARVED--YOU'VE BEEN BEATEN WITHIN AN INCH OF YOUR LIFE--

YEAH GREAT! I CAN DO THAT!

"THE REST, SUCH AS IT IS, IS HISTORY."





I REALLY THOUGHT IT WOULD BE SAFE TO RETURN BY NOW-- THAT TH WAS MY CHANCE TO BE A STAR. I WAS SURE THEY'D HAVE FORGOTTEN ME BY NOW--

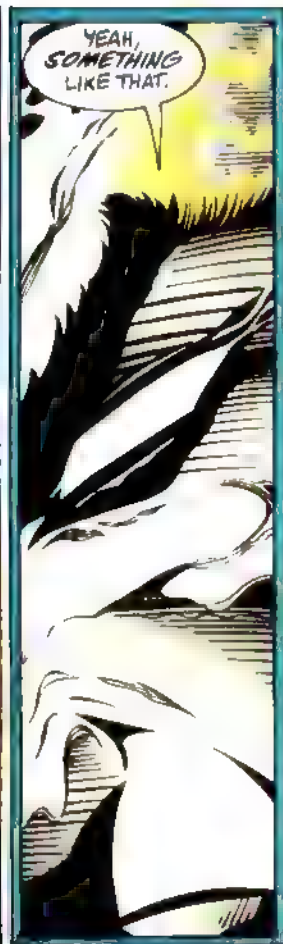
THEY PROBABLY DID, BUT YOUR NAME WAS IN SOME COMPUTER FILE SOMEWHERE, AND WITH ALL THIS PUBLICITY



NAH, THAT'S TOO PAT-- TOO EASY.

MAYBE A YOUNG BUT DEDICATED POLICE OFFICER, HAUNTED BY A TRAGEDY IN HIS PAST.

HAUNTED BY THE ONE CASE HE COULD NEVER LET GO OF



YEAH, SOMETHING LIKE THAT.



WELL I'M READY. I'LL PLAY MY PART BACK ON THE LAM AGAIN-- AND THEY WON'T TAKE ME EASILY.

IF I GO DOWN IT'LL BE IN A BLAZE OF GLORY, LIKE BUTCH CASSIDY AND THE SUNDANCE KID.

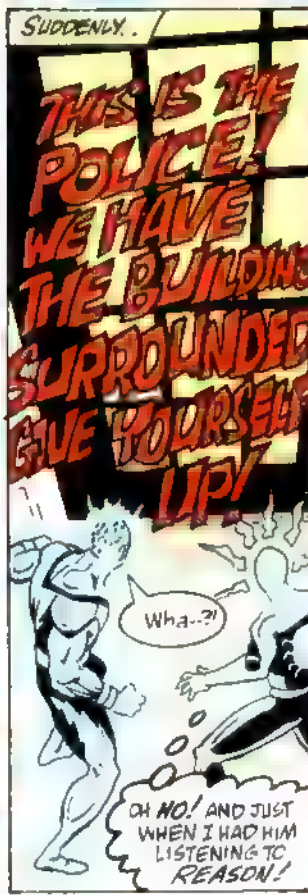


WHOA, WHOA-- REALITY CHECK! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FIGHT-- OR RUN!

WHAT YOU NEED IS A LAWYER-- SO YOU CAN FACE THESE CHARGES AND GET PAST THEM! IF ALL THEY'RE CHARGING YOU WITH IS A FEW MISDEMEANORS, IT'S NOT WORTH RUINING YOUR LIFE OVER!

YOU-- YOU REALLY THINK--

I KNOW THIS LAWYER-- FOGGY NELSON. HE'S A GOOD MAN. I'M SURE HE'D--



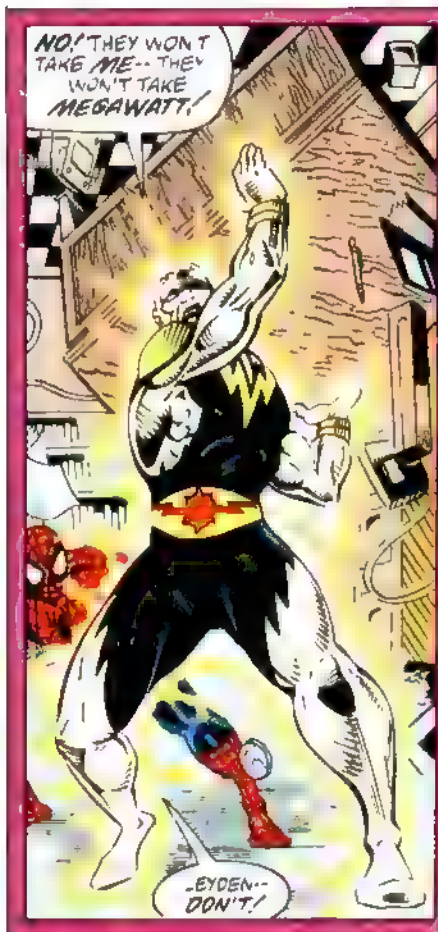
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**THIS IS THE POLICE! WE HAVE THE BUILDING SURROUNDED! GIVE YOURSELF UP!**

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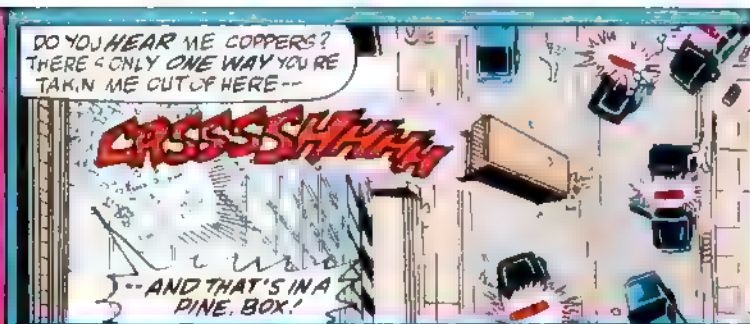
OH NO! AND JUST WHEN I HAD HIM LISTENING TO REASON!





NO! THEY WON'T TAKE ME-- THEY WON'T TAKE MEGAWATT!

-EYDEN-- DON'T!



DO YOU HEAR ME COPPERS? THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY YOU'RE TAKIN' ME OUT OF HERE--

CRASSSSHHHH

...AND THAT'S IN A PINE BOX!



TOP O' THE WORLD, MA!



WHAT DID WE JUST SAY?

AW MAN! LOOK AT MY CRUISER!!



COME ON LEYDEN! PUT IT DOWN!

YOU HAVEN'T HURT ANYONE YET-- LET'S KEEP IT THAT WAY!



SO-- SHOWING YOUR TRUE COLORS AT LAST EH, HERO?



UHHHHH!

KPOW!

WELL, THAT'S FINE WITH ME!



SPIDER-REFLEXES ENABLED ME TO ROLL WITH THE BLOW--OR THAT WOULD HAVE KILLED EVEN ME!

BUT THIS HAS GOT TO STOP.

WHAT--? WEBBING ME UP--?!

LOOK, MEGAWATT-- I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU! YOU'RE JUST MAKING THINGS WORSE FOR YOURSELF! NOW SIMMER DOWN, AND--

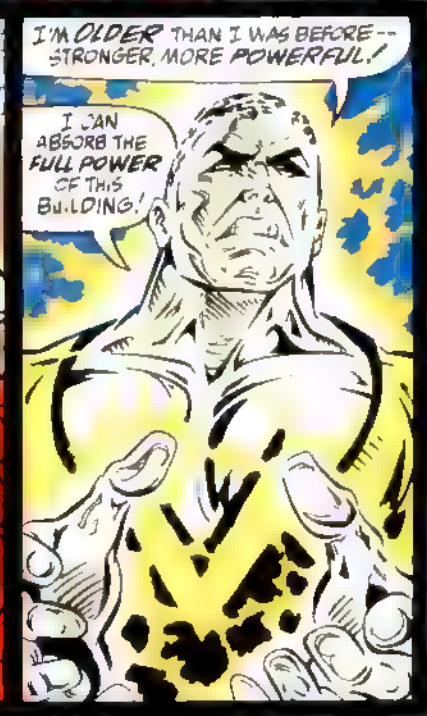
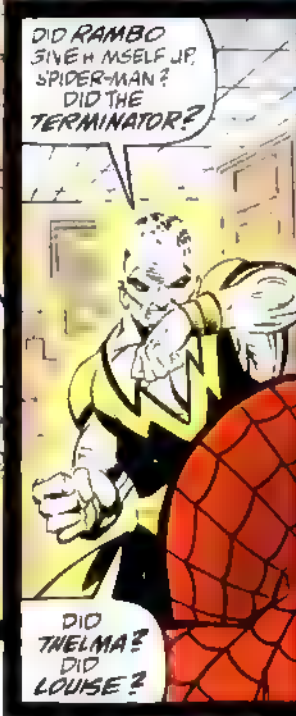
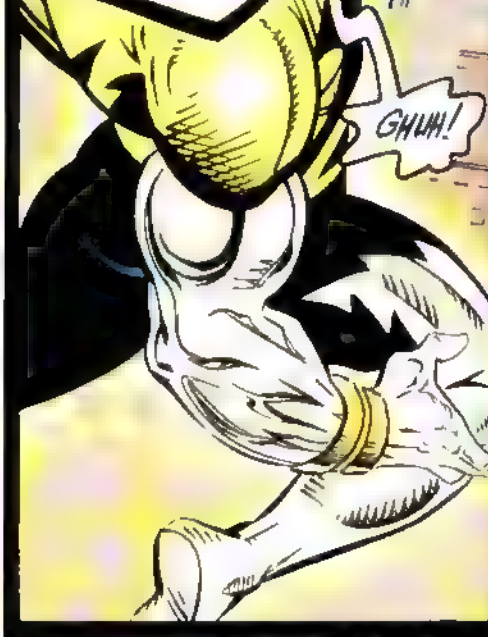
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NOT WHEN I CAN BURN THROUGH YOUR WEBBINGS!

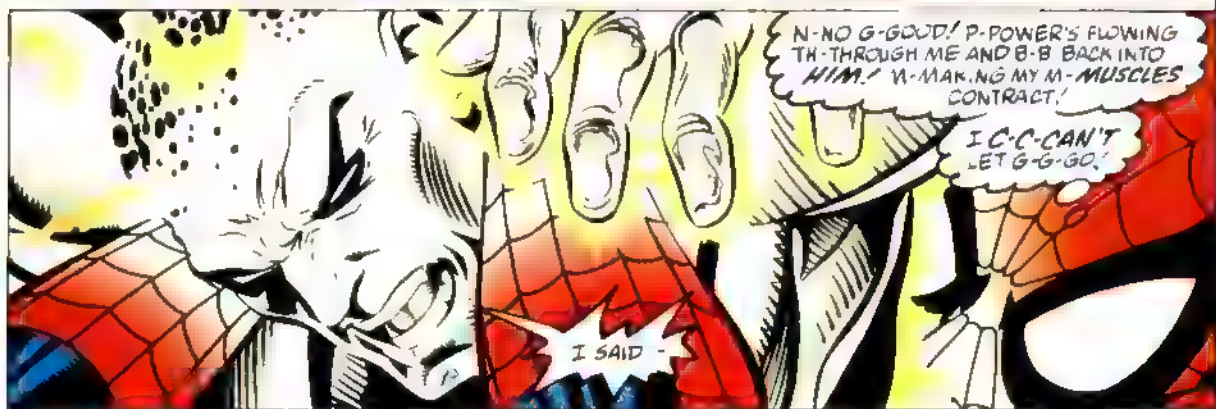
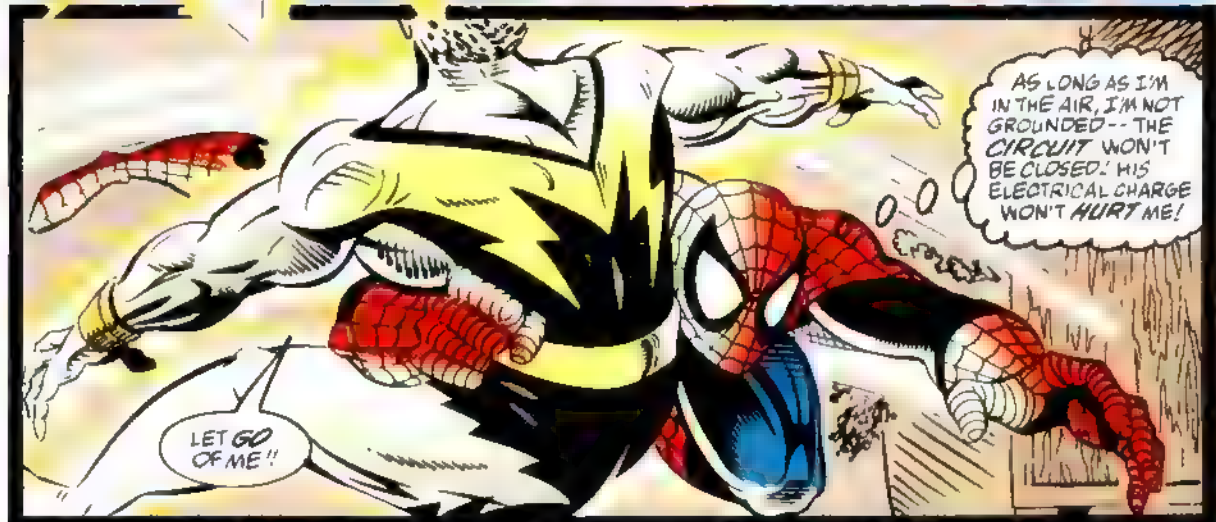
NOT WHEN I CAN BURN YOU!

YOW! THAT WASN'T THE BEST IDEA I EVER HAD! IF I CAN JUST GET BEHIND THIS DESK...













LET GO!!



UHHH, HE--  
RELEASED ALL  
HIS POWER AT  
ONCE.

MUSCLES--ALMOST TORE  
THEMSELVES IN HALF--  
ENTIRE BODY--ONE BIG  
CHARLIE HORSE--



G-GIVE UP, SPIDEY?  
OR...OR DO YOU WANT  
SOME MORE...?

HE'S--AS BEAT AS I AM--  
'DRAINED' BUT--  
REACHING FOR THAT OUTLET!

CAN'T--  
MOVE--  
BUT--



I--I'VE GOT  
TO!

WHAP

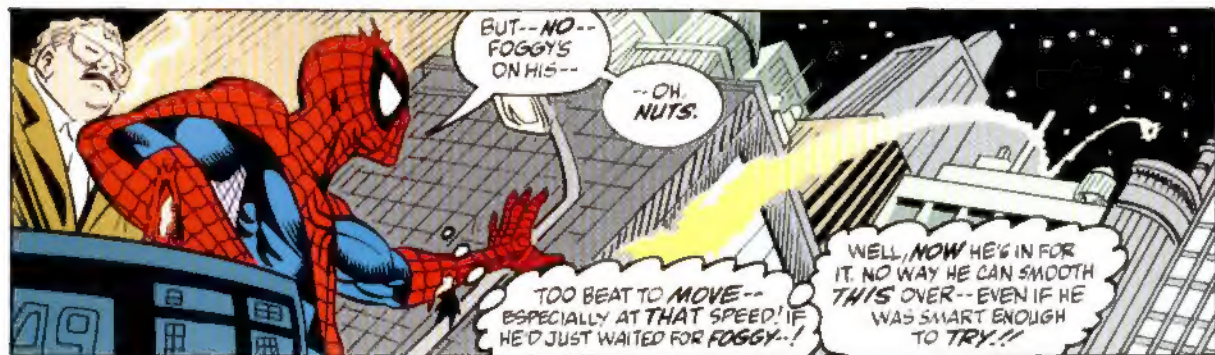
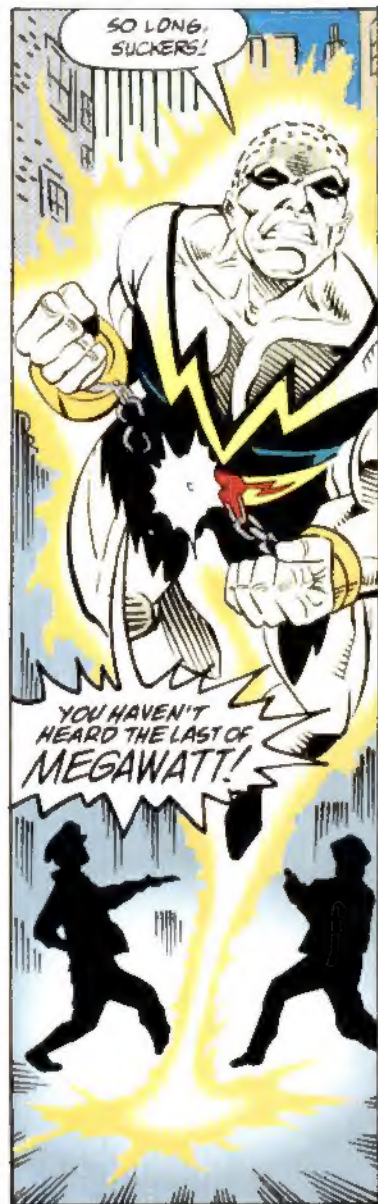
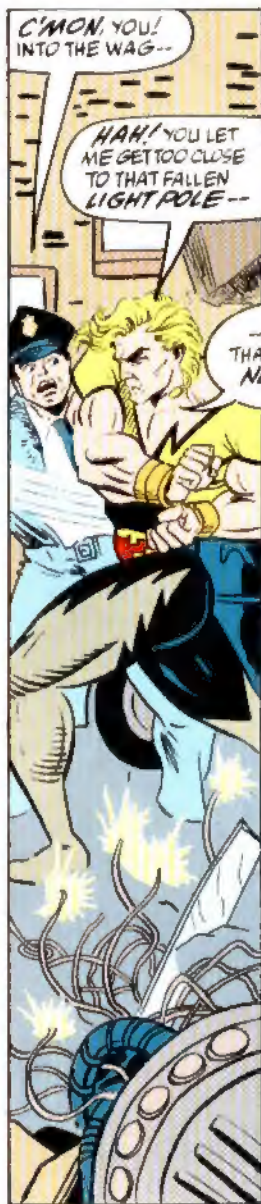
IT'S NOT  
MUCH OF A  
PUNCH--



BUT IT'S  
ENOUGH.

CAN--CAN I  
FALL DOWN NOW...?









AND, A WEEK LATER...

STILL ALL  
BRUISED  
UP, TIGER?

A LITTLE  
STIFF MJ,  
BUT UNDER  
YOUR TENDER  
CARE, I'M--

--HEY, ON THE  
T.V.-- THAT'S  
HIM! THAT'S  
MEGAWATT!

--THE LATEST  
ON THE DIRK  
LEYDEN/MEGAWATT  
CONTROVERSY!

THE ACTOR-  
TURNED-SOMETIME  
SUPER VILLAIN  
HAS SURFACED IN  
AUSTRALIA  
ACCORDING TO A  
PRESS RELEASE  
FROM HIS  
PUBLICISTS.



"THE U.S. WANTS LEYDEN EXTRADITED, BUT LAWYERS FOR KOOLABAR FILMS ARE FIGHTING IT, CLAIMING THE CHARGES ARE SPURIOUS.



"WHY ARE KOOLABAR'S LAWYERS WORKING SO HARD TO KEEP LEYDEN FREE? BECAUSE THE CONTROVERSY'S MADE FOR BOFFO BOX OFFICE!"

"LEYDEN'S FILM, BUSHRANGER, IS #1 IN THE U.S., AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE--AND IT'S FAST HEADED FOR THAT MAGIC \$100 MILLION MARK!"

WE ALREADY HEAR REPORTS THAT A SEQUEL'S IN THE WORKS--



--AND LEYDEN'S BEEN SIGNED NOT ONLY TO STAR, BUT TO WRITE AND EXEC--PRODUCE AS WELL!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT!  
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!!

HE MAKES ALL THE WORST CHOICES HE CAN--AND HE ENDS UP RICH! I TRY TO DO THE RESPONSIBLE THING--

--AND ALL I WIND UP WITH IS BRUISES! WHY DO I EVEN TRY?!



BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY YOU ARE, PETER--AND I DON'T WANT YOU EVER TO CHANGE!

END



# SPIDER-READERS UNLIMITED

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Dear Mr. Fingeroth,

Despite initial misgivings (too much advance hype from the fanzines), the first installment of the "Maximum Carnage" storyline read very well indeed! I find Carnage an interesting opponent for Spidey... provided he's used sparingly, as other villains are, and I welcome him back! He's interesting in that he's not like other serial killers, who for the most part try to avoid drawing attention to themselves and their crimes so that they can elude capture and continue the killing streak. But Cletus Kasady seems to go out of his way to grab the spotlight, making himself a target for the cops and Spider-Man. I'd love to have a closer look at what makes him tick!

And then there's his partner, Shriek! A woman who thinks of Kasady as a role model, and a hot young stud with whom she has a lot in common? I've got to see an origin for her, no doubt about it!

So now that it's started, I must say I'm looking forward to the succeeding chapters of "Maximum Carnage" as they take us through the spring and summer issues of the various Spider-titles! As for the other two tales in this ish, the second Spidey piece, by Mike W. Barr, was a nice change of pace. We don't often get a chance to really get inside Peter Parker's head and watch him come to terms with the traumatic events of his past to any large degree. As a result, stories like this one, when we do see them, are quite welcome.

Finally, the Cardiac piece! Terry Kavanagh did a nice job on the first solo story (that I can recall) for this high-tech Punisher of white collar crime, and I wouldn't mind seeing a Cardiac limited series at some point for further exploration of the character.

However, I'm beginning to question the effectiveness of Code Blue! Every time we see them, they're up against someone so powerful that in spite of their

high tech weaponry, and the fact that they were ostensibly designed to be able to deal with super-powered menaces, they came out the losers. How about a story where Code Blue comes out on top, for a change?

Finally, some words about the direction of this title: please don't feel you have to tie every issue in with events in the monthly books. I'd prefer a format like FF UNLIMITED, in which each issue stands alone and deals with one of the lesser-used aspects of Spidey's history. Topics I'd love to see addressed are: the full origin of the Chameleon, whatever became of the two people who took on the role of the Vulture during Adrian Toomes' first retirement, and whatever happened to the original Enforcers! Other long-time rogues I'd like to see back include Mysterio, Lightmaster, and Will o' the Wisp... and I wouldn't mind seeing some obscure villains resurrected, such as the Big Wheel and the Hypno-Hustler! As for back-ups, I wonder if the White Tiger is doing anything these days...

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Thanks for all the great commentary and suggestions, David. Be assured that all are being kept in mind (though we wouldn't hold our breath for the Big Wheel or the Hypno-Hustler). We don't want to tip our hand on the Vulture just yet, but be patient... It's gonna be great! Plus, you can check out the New Enforcers in recent issues of WEB OF SPIDER-MAN!

As for Code: Blue, we seem to recall them acquitting themselves pretty well in a recent anniversary issue of THOR. Like us all, they win some, they lose some.

Dear Web-Slingers,

I have been enjoying SPIDER-MAN lately, but I have some things to say. First, in SPIDER-MAN UNLIMITED #1, Spidey said that all his enemies always return, but when he beat Molten Man in WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #62, Molty quits crime.

Also, please bring back the Green Goblin. Have Harry's son take his place or something. See you next issue.

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Spidey was very emotionally distraught at the beginning of UNLIMITED #1, as he had just attended one of his best friends' funeral. Peter isn't perfect, and one of his most interesting flaws is that he tends to dwell more on his failures than on his numerous successes (like helping Molten Man and the Black Cat reform). His guilt over Harry's death is the latest thing depressing him, and his thoughts reflect that state of mind.

And we've got another one who wants little Normie to become the Green Goblin! Give the kid a break! He's not even old enough to drive the glider yet!

**NEXT:** Think this issue was something? Well, while Spidey takes a "breather" by going off on the *Infinity Crusade* (WEB OF SPIDER-MAN #104-106), battling the Hulk and the Jury (in AMAZING #381-383), tussling with Tombstone (in SPECTACULAR #204-206), eluding Electro (SPIDER-MAN #38-40), and confronting his lethal foes (LETHAL FOES OF SPIDER-MAN limited series), we'll be gearing up for next issue, where Doc Ock's never-before-seen past is revealed -- and he and Spidey have a battle royale in the present! Be here in 90 days for "Obituary for an Octopus!" by Tom DeFalco, Ron Lim, and Jim Sanders III (and there'll even be an Annex back-up!)

